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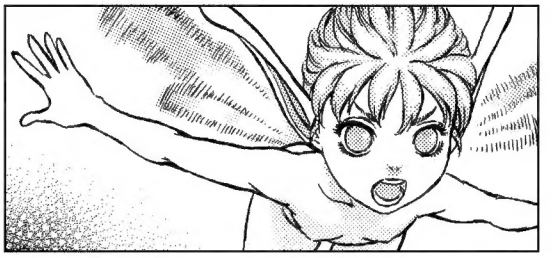
ガッツ *Guts*

The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.

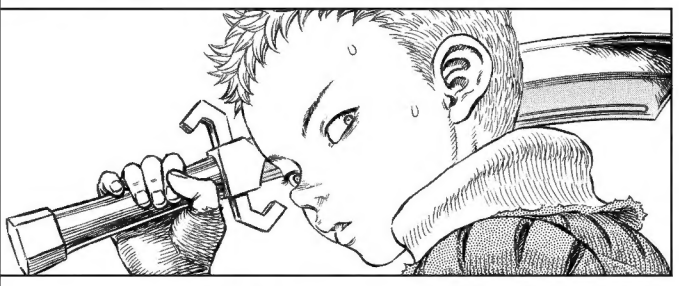
キャスカ *Casca*

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is narrowly shielded by Flora's talisman.



パック *Puck*

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.

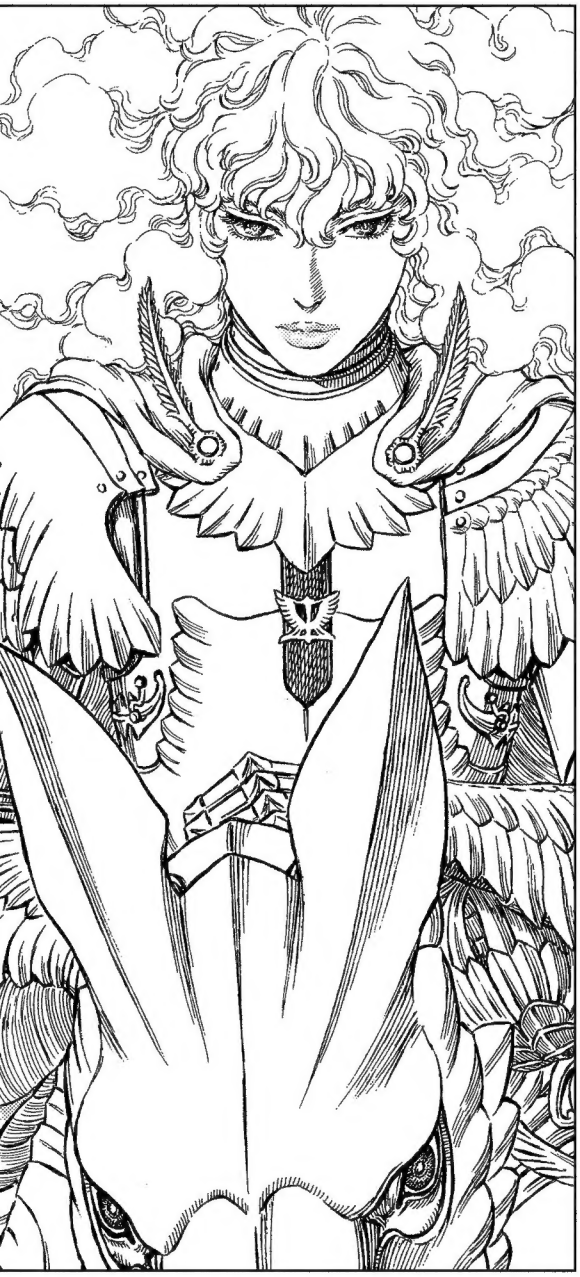


イシドロ *Isidro*

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.

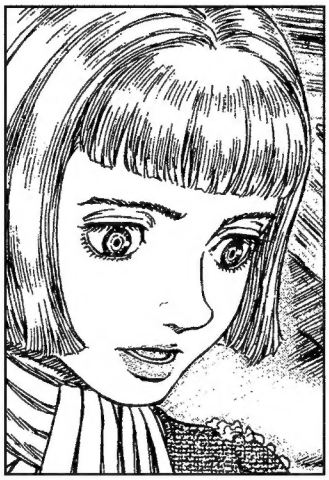
シールケ *Schierke*

Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



グリフィス *Griffith*

Through the eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.

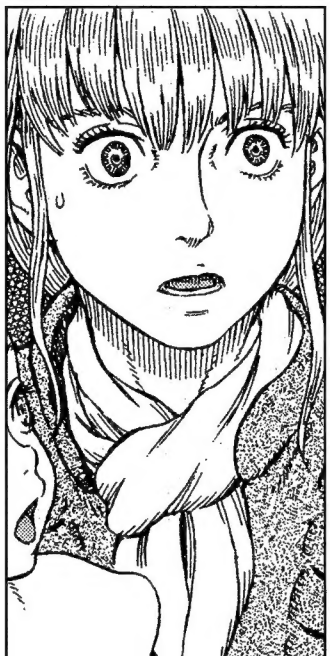


ファルネーゼ *Farnese*

Former commander of the Holy See's Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.

セルピコ *Serpico*

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.

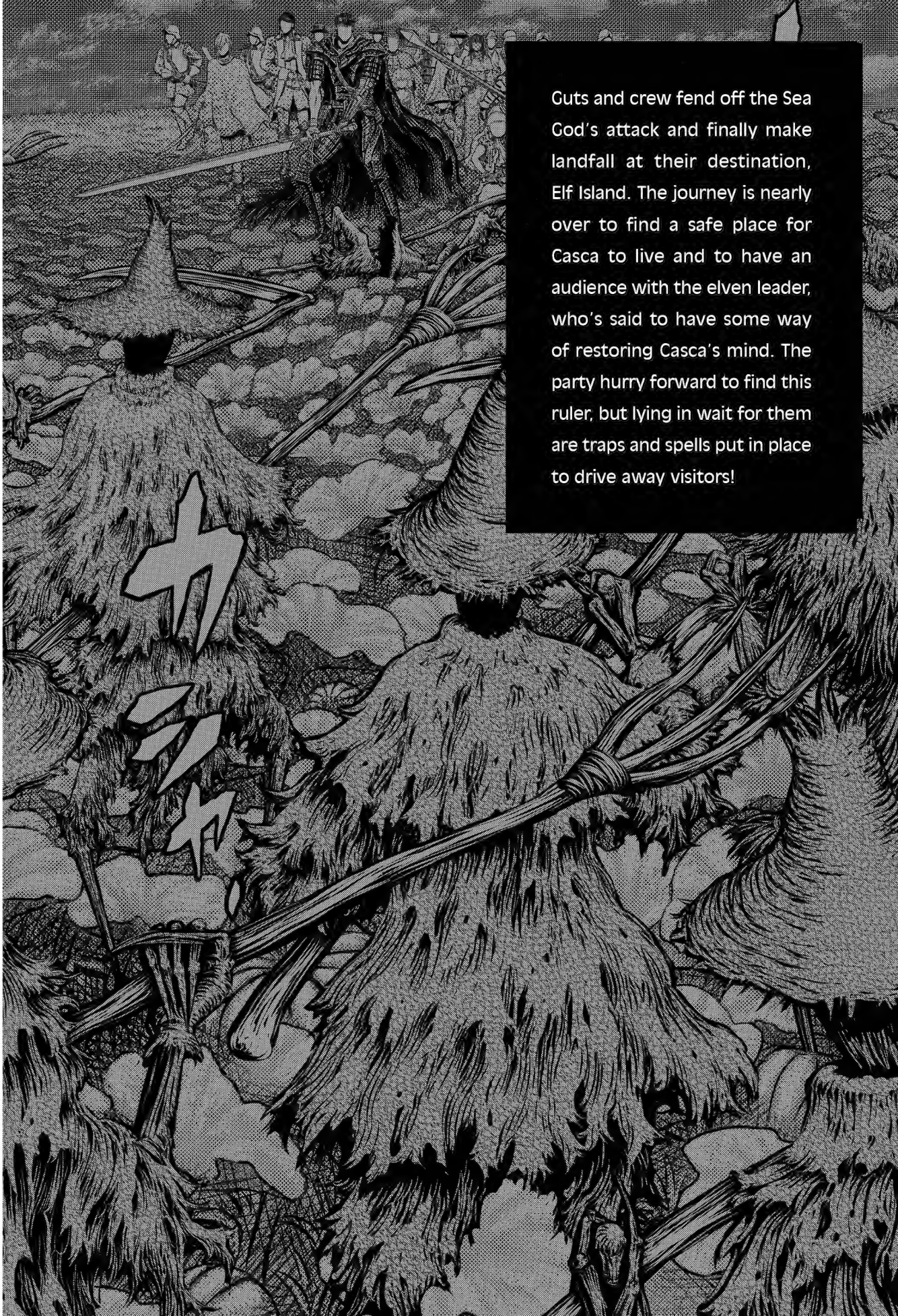


リッケルト *Rickert*

A former member of the Band of the Hawk. As he was not involved in the eclipse, he does not have a brand. He became the apprentice of the blacksmith Godo and has made weapons for Guts to use.

ロデリック *Roderick*

Captain of the naval vessel Seahorse and third in line to the royal throne of Iith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He took Guts and the others to Skellig Island, where Elfhelm is located.



Guts and crew fend off the Sea God's attack and finally make landfall at their destination, Elf Island. The journey is nearly over to find a safe place for Casca to live and to have an audience with the elven leader, who's said to have some way of restoring Casca's mind. The party hurry forward to find this ruler, but lying in wait for them are traps and spells put in place to drive away visitors!

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炎の人形

FLAME PUPPET

WHOM
DAHH!
THE LONGER THE WEAPON, THE LONGER THE REACH!

...THAT MEANS...
BUT YOU KNOW...
...I WIN!
SHFF
DASH
BWOOSH

FWSSSS
YOU BUNCH OF STRAW TRAINING POSTS!!
WHOCK
AYE, SIR!
PROTECT THE LADIES!

WHOM?
SS!

NO WAY! PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE ISLAND ARE JUST SAVAGES!
HEY, I MAYBE SENSED SOME MAGIC FROM THEM...
WHAT'S WITH THE GUY IN BLACK... AND THAT BIG SWORD?
THEY'RE NOT STOPPING AT ALL.
IT'S N-NO USE! THEY'RE TOO STRONG!
シュル!
SLLTH
THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT...
...HOLDS SOME MORE SUR-PRISES...
...THAT FIELD...
OH YEAH, THAT'S HOW THAT TRAP WORKS.
STUPID! NOW I'M IN BIG TROUBLE!
A VINE'S TWISTIN' AROUND MY LEG...!
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL?!
SHLLF
ズル!

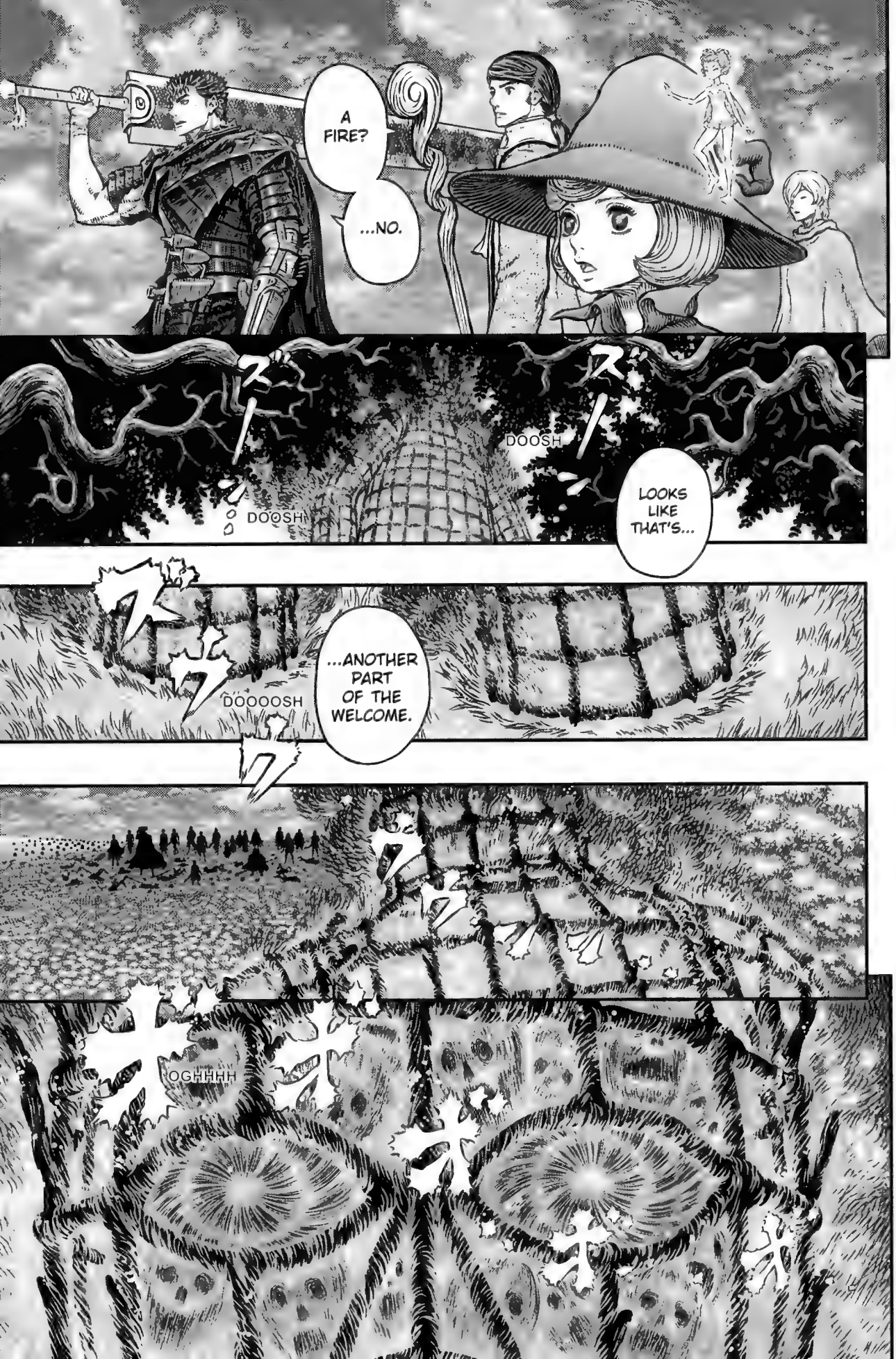
RRRR
ZHMMM
THIS TRULY DOES SEEM LIKE A MAGICAL ISLAND.
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY FOR A HARVEST FESTIVAL.
MAN, THIS IS GETTIN' OLD!
GRAHH
CHNK

SHWOMP
SHUNK
SHFF
TCH!
ROLLIN'S JUST GONNA GET YA EVEN MORE TANGLED.
AUGH!
CHNK
WEAP-ON!
UM... WEAP-ON.
AGH!
AGH!
HAH!
GREF

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THERE'S NO END TO THEM! THEY'LL JUST SLOWLY FORCE US BACK!
CHONK
CHNK
BLASTED WEIRD THINGS!
...YOUR PATIENCE.
I APPRECIATE...
TOMMM

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
BLACH
WARP
VWSSS
SAY WHAT, NOW...?
BOOM
POP

FIGHT MAGIC WITH MAGIC, HUH?
BOOF
I MODIFIED THE SPELL TO ENHANCE THE RIPENING WORKINGS OF THE EARTH SPIRITS.
A SPELL HAD BEEN CAST ON THIS FIELD USING THE POWER OF GNOMES-- EARTH SPIRITS.
COULD IT BE ...!?
AND ALSO, THAT WAS MAGIC!
WH-WHAT DO WE DO!?
THEY TOOK DOWN THE SCARE-CROWS ...!
WELL, THEN. IS THAT THE END OF THE ROUGH WELCOME?
THEY BITE US, WE BITE 'EM BACK.
べっちゃり
KRNCH
? WHAT'S THAT?
YOU'RE TOO EASY ON THEM!
!


A FIRE?
...NO.
DOOSH
DOOSH
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S...
...ANOTHER PART OF THE WELCOME.
DOOOOSH
OGHHHH

THAT'S A... WICKER MAN!

A SCARE-CROW BOSS ?!

I'VE READ ABOUT THEM IN BOOKS.

WICKER MAN?

AUGHHHH

ACCOUNTS OF A FETISH THAT USES THE LIFE FORCE OF SACRIFICES...

...LOCKED WITHIN A GIANT FIGURE AND SET ABLAZE USING ANCIENT MAGIC.

BROARRRR

MORDA ...!
YOU BROUGHT OUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
IT'S TABOO ...!
DOOOOSH
I SWEAR, YOU GUYS ARE TOO SOFT.
HA!
SO WHAT IF IT'S TABOO? IT EXISTS FOR TIMES LIKE THIS.
ITS POTENTIAL IS WASTED AS A MERE DECORATION.

WHAT GOOD IS A PUPPET IF YOU DON'T PLAY WITH IT?
NOW GO!
AUGHHHH
MOGHHHH
DOOOOSH
DOOOOSH

SHOM
WHAMMM!
YEOWWW!
BWOOOSH
YOU'RE GOING TO BURN UP THE FIELD, TOO!
STOP THIS FOOLISH-NESS, MORDA!
AHA-HA...!
GET 'EM!

WHM
WHM
WHM
WHM
AH, SHIT! WE CAN'T HANDLE THIS!
DASH
WHAM
CHEFFF

GA-CHING
SHOMP
BWOOOM

SWAY
DOOOOSH
PHHH-N

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魔女の村

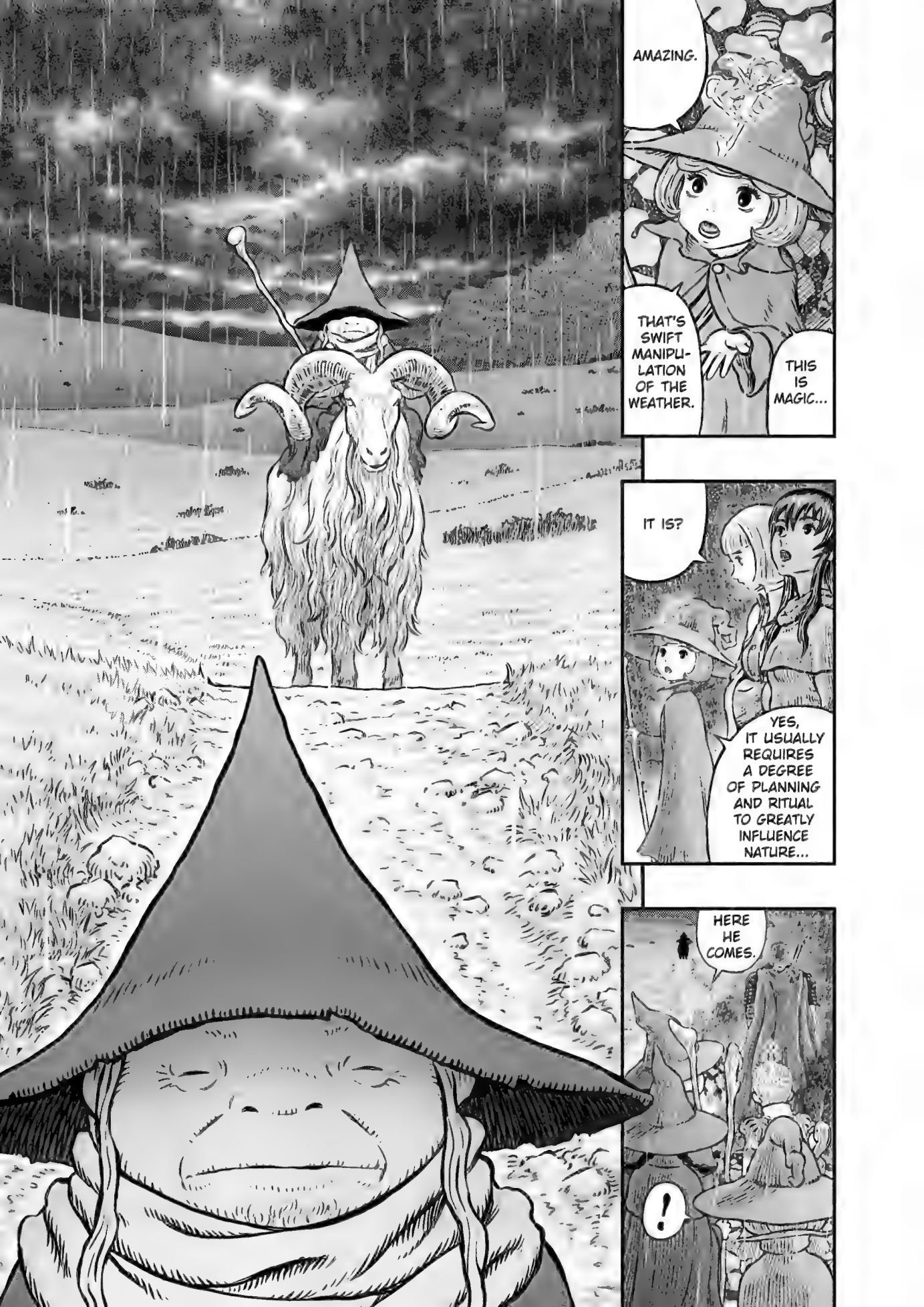
VILLAGE OF WITCHES

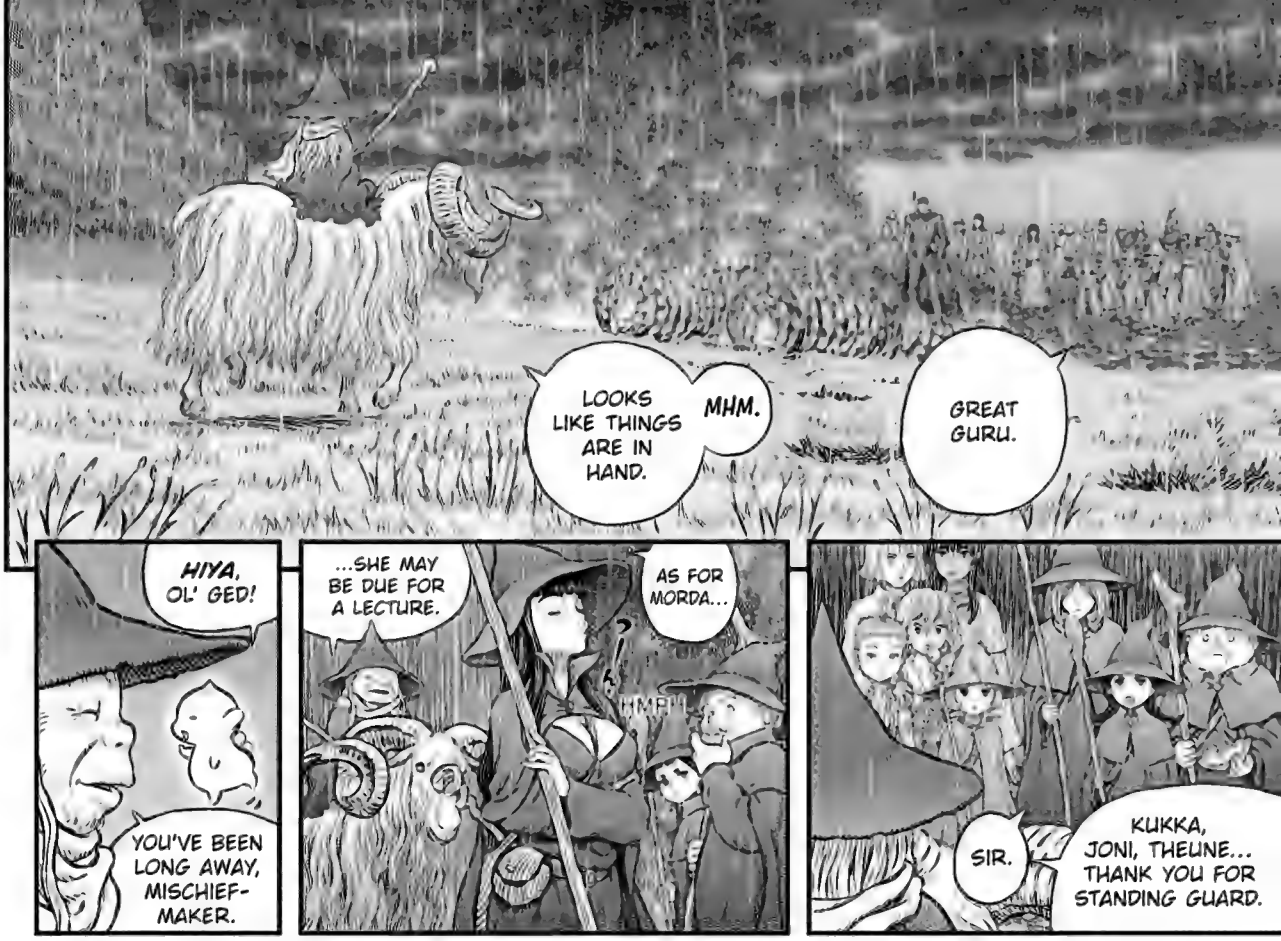
BROARRRR
CLACK
CLACK
GOT 'EM!
WELL DONE.
HHH

LET'S RUN FOR IT!
BUT THIS MIGHT BE A BIT OF A PROBLEM... AT THIS RATE THE FIRE WILL SPREAD TO THE ENTIRE FIELD.
...THIEVES.
!
OH NO, YOU DON'T...
BUT I'M NOT LETTING YOU ESCAPE. WATCH AS THE FLAMES SURROUND YOU!
YOU REALLY DID A NUMBER ON MY DARLING PUPPET.

DEFI-
NITELY...
A
WITCH.
A
WITCH!
WHY IS A MAGIC
USER WITH THEM?
AND EVEN ELVES.
YOU...
PLEASE,
WAIT!
WE
ARE NOT
ENEMIES!
NOW THAT'S
THE REAL
DEAL, NOT
LIKE SOME
KID I KNOW.
WOW,
CHECK IT
OUT! SHE'S
TOTALLY
FLYIN' ON
A BROOM!
I'LL
BEAT
YA
UP!
THAT'S
WHY WE'RE
TELLING
YOU TO
WAIT!
MORDA!
IT'S
TRUE.
GOOD
GRIEF!
YOU
NEVER
LISTEN
TO
OTHERS.

UM... ARE YOU THIS ISLAND'S--
WE'RE SKELLIG ISLAND MAGES. BUT CONVERSATION CAN WAIT.
BUT WITH THE FLAMES THIS STRONG...
...OUR ONLY OPTION MIGHT BE TO SUMMON A GURU...
GURU?
WANT SOME? IT'S WELL-ROASTED.
THANKS...
HUH? OH HEY, THERE'S PUCK.
HMPH!
IF WE DON'T'HURRY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FIRE, IT'LL WIPE OUT THE FIELD.
AHH... I PUT SO MUCH WORK INTO THESE PUMPKINS...
SHAAAAA
!


AMAZING.
THIS IS MAGIC...
THAT'S SWIFT MANIPULATION OF THE WEATHER.
IT IS?
YES, IT USUALLY REQUIRES A DEGREE OF PLANNING AND RITUAL TO GREATLY INFLUENCE NATURE...
HERE HE COMES.
!


GREAT GURU.
MHM.
LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE IN HAND.
KUKKA, JONI, THEUNE... THANK YOU FOR STANDING GUARD.
SIR.
AS FOR MORDA...
HMPH.
...SHE MAY BE DUE FOR A LECTURE.
HIYA, OL' GED!
YOU'VE BEEN LONG AWAY, MISCHIEF-MAKER.

MY GUESTS, YOU WERE PUT THROUGH THE WRINGER ON ACCOUNT OF MY DELAY.
I APOLOGIZE. THIS GOAT IS QUITE OLD, LIKE ME. WE DON'T KEEP UP WITH YOUNG LEGS.

I AM GEDFRING.
ONE WHO GOVERNS THE MAGES OF THIS ISLAND.

EXCUSE ME, GREAT GURU. WERE YOU AWARE WE WOULD VISIT THIS ISLAND?
THE RULER OF THE ELVES RECEIVED AN ORACLE.
"A SMALL WIND WHIRLING OUT FROM THIS ISLAND...
"...WOULD DRAW IN MANY FATES, AND RETURN AS A TEMPEST."
THEN, YES...
THAT BOY MUST BE...
A SMALL WIND WHIRLING OUT FROM THIS ISLAND...
DOES THAT MEAN ...?
WITHOUT EVEN REALIZIN' IT, HE PULLS EVERYONE INTO A CYCLONE OF DESTINY...!
ARE YOU SAYIN' THAT'S ME...
STORM
IT HAPPENED BY CHANCE, THAT'S ALL.
...PUCK THE STORM ?!!

...“LOOK AFTER MY DEAREST LITTLE STUDENT WHEN SHE VISITS.”
AN OLD FRIEND CAME TO ME IN A DREAM AND SAID...
AND ANOTHER THING. I HAD MY OWN PREMONITION.
AND SUDDENLY, HE ACTS LIKE HE'S THE HERO.
HEY, I'M REALLY SORRY.
I DRAGGED ALLA YA INTO MY STORY.
DO YOU MEAN...?
.....

......
エ゛ェ〜
MEH-EH-EH
AT ANY RATE, COME TO OUR VILLAGE.
FRESHEN UP FROM YOUR JOURNEY.
I'LL SEE TO IT YOU'RE INTRODUCED TO THE ELVEN RULER.
SNIFF
SEEMS LIKE HE ALREADY KNOWS EVERYTHING.
THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH GREAT MAGES.

WHAT WOULD YA CALL THIS? ART?
OLD GUY.
IT'S AN OLD GUY TREE.
HMM. NOT AN OLD MAN LIKE A WITHERED TREE, BUT A TREE LIKE AN OLD MAN. HOW ODD.
NEAT. LOOKS LIKE IT COULD MOVE.
WHAP
IT MOVES.
CHOMP
EEEEK!
WHAT A FOOL! PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE ARE JUST LIKE I HEARD.
PBT!
ESPECIALLY THAT ONE.
COME ON!
STOP PLAYING AND LET'S GO.
D-DON'T LICK ME!
PUT THAT TONGUE AWAY!

I'M KUKKA.
JONI.
THEUNE.
I'M IVAL-ERA.
I AM SCHIERKE. NICE TO MEET YOU.
THAT GIRL'S MORDA.
WHAT ARE A MAGIC USER AND ELVES DOING WITH THIS BUNCH?
GROSS!
WIPE
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
UGH! IT'S ALL STICKY WITH SAP!
WIPE
WE HAVE A STRANGE BOND...
THE PURPOSE OF OUR JOURNEY IS...
う!
OOO
HUH.
SO YOU'RE HERE TO RESTORE HER SANITY.
ORIGI-NALLY...
...WE SOUGHT A SAFE HAVEN FOR HER TO LIVE WITH THE BRAND...
BUT, YES, I EXPECT THAT'S WHAT HER COMPANION REALLY WANTS.
お!
OHHH

...!
...CAN USE THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS TO GO DEEP INSIDE THE MIND. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.
I THINK I'VE HEARD THAT THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH...
REALLY ?!
AWOO.
.....
...YET YOU CROSS THE OCEAN ON A GLIMMER OF HOPE.
HUH ...?
THE WORLD'S PRACTICALLY UPSIDE DOWN...
...YOU'RE AN INTREPID BUNCH, THOUGH.
YOU MUST HAVE FELT IT, TOO, IF YOU'RE A MAGE. THAT GREAT DISTURBANCE.

THE GREAT ROAR OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.
THAT'S WHAT WE CALL IT.
THE ONE CALLED THE HAWK OF LIGHT CAUSED IT...
...BY ATTACKING THE MANY SEALS OF THE WORLD'S FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE.
HAWK OF LIGHT ...!
FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE ...?!
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT, OLD MAN?!
WE'LL DISCUSS THE DETAILS IN THE VILLAGE.
LOOK.
YOU CAN SEE IT NOW.

IT'S A STORM OF BLOSSOMS, JUST LIKE THE TITLE SUGGESTS...!

THERE LIES FLOWER STORM MONARCH'S ELFHELM.

AND THERE LIES OUR VILLAGE OF MAGES.

WOWEE! I'M FLOORED!

THAT IS ONE *BIG*-ASS CHERRY TREE!!

THERE'S A BUNCH OF HOUSES THAT LOOK LIKE SCHIERKE'S.

IT SURE HASN'T CHANGED.

IT'S A VILLAGE OF HATS!

THIS MAKES ME FEEL KINDA NOSTALGIC.

WHAT'RE THEY DOING...
...OVER THERE?
THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES. I DID THAT OFTEN, TOO. ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PEERS TO PRACTICE WITH...
I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU LATER.
MAKING TREES BUD LIKE THAT IS DELICATE WORK THAT MAKES FOR GOOD TRAINING.
THE BOYS ARE PRACTICING OD MANIPULA-TION.
...AND ARE TAUGHT...
...WE TEACH...
HERE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RESPECTIVE SKILL LEVELS...
...AND WE THUS HONE OUR MAGIC SKILLS EVERY DAY.

...BUT YOU CAN LEARN A LOT BY BECOMING AN APPRENTICE AND HELPING THEM WITH RESEARCH.
THERE ARE GURUS AMONGST US WHO ARE ABSORBED IN THEIR OWN MAGIC STUDIES...
BORING IS WHAT IT IS.
HMPH.
MORDA, COME ON...!
I SEE...
A MAGE TRAINING SITE... NO, I GUESS IT'S MORE OF A SCHOLARLY TOWN.
IT'S MAGNIFI-CENT...
HUH ...?
...IT'S ALL JUST A WASTE OF TALENT.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE HONE OUR MAGIC SKILLS, IF WE STAY COOPED UP ON AN ISLAND LIKE THIS...
...OBSERVE THE UNIVERSE!
A MAGE'S DUTY IS TO...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

I WISH YOU'D CUT IT OUT!
YOU'RE TOO HARDHEADED, KUKKA. I THINK YOU COULD STAND TO BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS A LITTLE.
HEY, HEY!
NEVER MIND ALL THAT! TELL ME ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
BUT, THAT'S TRUE...
...FOR EVERY-BODY ON THIS ISLAND.
FLIP
UGH, SCARY. WHY'RE THEY HERE?
BAR-BAR-IANS?!
ARE THEY FROM THE OUTSIDE ...?
WHAT'S WITH THOSE CLOTHES?
THAT GROUP...
...
BUT WHEN PEOPLE ARE THAT BLATANTLY AFRAID OF ME...
RAHHHH!
JETTI-SON.
HEY THERE, INNOCENT GIRLS! I'M A DANGEROUS BARBARIAN!
あああ
EEEEEK
キャアアア
...IT MAKES ME WANNA LIVE UP TO THE HYPE! AS AN ENTERTAINER!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
...
WHERE'VE I SEEN *THAT* KINDA REACTION BEFORE?
...WOW.

ONE TWO!
ONE TWO!
RIGHT!
HIT HIM AT THE SAME RHYTHM, EVERY-BODY!
...
WHACK
POK
POK
WHACK
HARSH PINPOINT ATTACKS ...!
GRIND
AUGHHHHH!
I'VE SEEN THIS SIGHT SOMEWHERE, TOO.
WE SHOULD BE PEACEFULLY CELEBRATIN' THE SAFE RETURN OF THE GREAT PUCK.
NOW NOW, EVERYONE.
HI.
SO YOU REALLY DID LEAVE THE ISLAND?
I *THOUGHT* I HADN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE...
SO OUT OF CONSID-ERATION--
IF IT ISN'T PUCK!
OH?! PUCK!
YOU SCRIBBLED ON MY MAGIC CIRCLE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RITUAL!
YOU EMPTIED ALL MY BUG AND SNAKE CAGES, AND MADE MY HOUSE A BIOHAZARD!!
WHOCK
BZZZZzz
YOU PUT THE LOVE POTION I MADE INTO THE GREAT GURU'S TEA!!
BOK
HOW DARE YOU TAKE A DIP IN MY POT WHILE I WAS MAKING SECRET MEDICINE!

GOOD, GOOD. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FITTING IN WELL ALREADY.
SAYS YOU!
NOW, THEN.
FIRST, STOP BY MY HALL.

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GREAT GURUS

HUUUGE...

I'D SAY YOU COULD *EASILY* FIT YOUR OLD PLACE IN HERE.

THE ELIXIR I WAS COOKING UP SHOULD BE NEARLY DONE. I'D BETTER RETURN...
...WELL.
THAT'S CHECK.
MHM.
WH-WHAT ABOUT YOU YESTER-DAY?
WHAT A FARCE. IS THIS HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ESCAPE AGAIN?
DANANN.
ISN'T THE FOOD READY YET?
GOING ON ABOUT SOME RITUAL WHEN THE MOON WASN'T EVEN OUT...SO OBVIOUS.
IS THIS THE VILLAGE SENIOR CENTER?
YOU ONLY JUST ATE, OLD ONE.
OH, COME NOW.
OH, DID I?
RUDE!

MASTER GINNAR THE PONDEROUS.
MASTER SKIRBIL THE PERPLEXED.
LIKE MASTER GEDFRING, THEY ARE GREAT GURUS WHO GOVERN THE MAGES OF THIS VILLAGE.
MASTER THRAINN THE RESOLVED.
...DANANN THE DOMESTIC.
AND THIS IS...
WELCOME!
HE'S GROWN CHEEKIER.
...BUT SOMEHOW... YOU SHRANK INSTEAD?
THEY SAY TRAVEL MAKES A PERSON GROW...
YOU WENT ON A LONG TRIP.
AND WELCOME HOME, PUCK.
M'BACK.
I'LL PUT ON THE KETTLE, SO PLEASE, GET COMFY.

GUTS...
COULD WE MEET WITH THIS FLOWER STORM MONARCH?
...THE RULER OF THE ELVES...
SORRY, BUT FIRST...
WE...
I HAVE AN URGENT RE-QUEST...
...FOR THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH. THIS WHOLE JOURNEY'S BEEN PINNED ON THAT HOPE.
PLEASE...
THE ONE I NEED TO SEE IS SO CLOSE NOW.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE.
...
BUT PLEASE, RELAX AS OUR GUEST.
NOT EVEN AN ELF...
...IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR WHILE YOU DRINK A CUP OF TEA.
BUT--
AND IF YOU MAKE A SCENE IN YOUR HASTE...
...WOULDN'T THAT RISK SPOILING THE MONARCH'S MOOD?

...IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO DANANN'S BAKED SWEETS. THEY ARE SUPERB.
BESIDES...
DANANN, FOOOOD...
THIS STUFF'S PRETTY GOOD.♥ NOT AS GOOD AS FLORA'S SWEETS, THOUGH.
MY SOUL FOOD.
AS EVER, WITCH GRUB...
...AIN'T TOO FILLING!
YOU NEVER CHANGE.
YOUR COMPANIONS MUST BE TIRED FROM THE LONG JOURNEY.
WHUNK
どが?
I'LL SAY. AHHH. THINK WILL HAVE SOME TEA.
FINE.
...TCH!
IT'S KIND OF DISORIENTING, GIVEN HOW VIOLENT THINGS HAVE BEEN UNTIL NOW.
...YEAH.
THERE'S ALSO A CAKE.
SHOOM
ISH AHH RIGH.
NUH NID TA BEH INNA RUZH.
BU-ZIGHS, ZHE ELVN RUHR ISH...

A GHOST SHIP AND A SEA GOD.
OHOH.
TROLLS AND ENCHANTED KUSHAN BEASTS.
YEAH, I GUESS!
THAT REALLY WAS QUITE AN ADVENTURE.

TH-THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS TERRIFY-ING...
WELL...
...THEY'D HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT AGES AGO WITHOUT YOU. ♥
IS THAT TRUE?
YES... EVEN AS A MAGE, I MUST ADMIT IT'S STRANGE WE ARRIVED HERE SAFELY...
IT'S GOTTEN TO WHERE WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR LIVES EVERY DAY.
WELL THAT'S BLOWIN' IT A BIT OUT OF PROPORTION, BUT IT'S NOT FAR OFF.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN...
I SAY IT SOUNDS THRILLING.
WOW!
...BY WAY OF THE GREAT ROAR.
THAT'S THE WORLD THE HAWK OF LIGHT BROUGHT ABOUT...
OLD MAN...
...COULD YOU EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THAT?
IT'S TRULY BECOME A WORLD OF OLD LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE.
...

YOU CAN USE THEM LIKE CONSTELLATIONS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

THEY'RE QUITE CONVENIENT FOR US SAILORS.

I THOUGHT THEY WERE STRANGELY SHAPED CLOUDS OR SOME-THING...

THOSE THINGS YOU SEE SOMETIMES ON CLEAR DAYS?

AHHH...

...THAT APPEAR TO STRETCH THROUGH THE SKY?

...HAVE ANY OF YOU CAUGHT SIGHT OF THE "BRANCHES"...

SINCE THAT DAY...

THOSE ARE ITS BRANCHES.

...THE EARTH, AND THE UNDERWORLD.

...TO CONNECT THE HEAVENS...

...OF LEGEND, THAT'S SAID...

IT'S A HUGE TREE...

THAT'S THE ***WORLD TREE.***

YOU'VE LEARNED WELL.

OHH?

THAT'S FLORA'S DEAREST STUDENT FOR YOU.

YOU MEAN THE DRAGON PATH.

THE MAGICAL INTERPRETATION IS A TAD MORE COMPLEX, THOUGH.

I'VE HEARD OF IT. IT'S FROM OLD FOLK TALES, RIGHT?

WORLD TREE...

...OF THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.

...PIERCING DEEP INTO THE LAYERS...

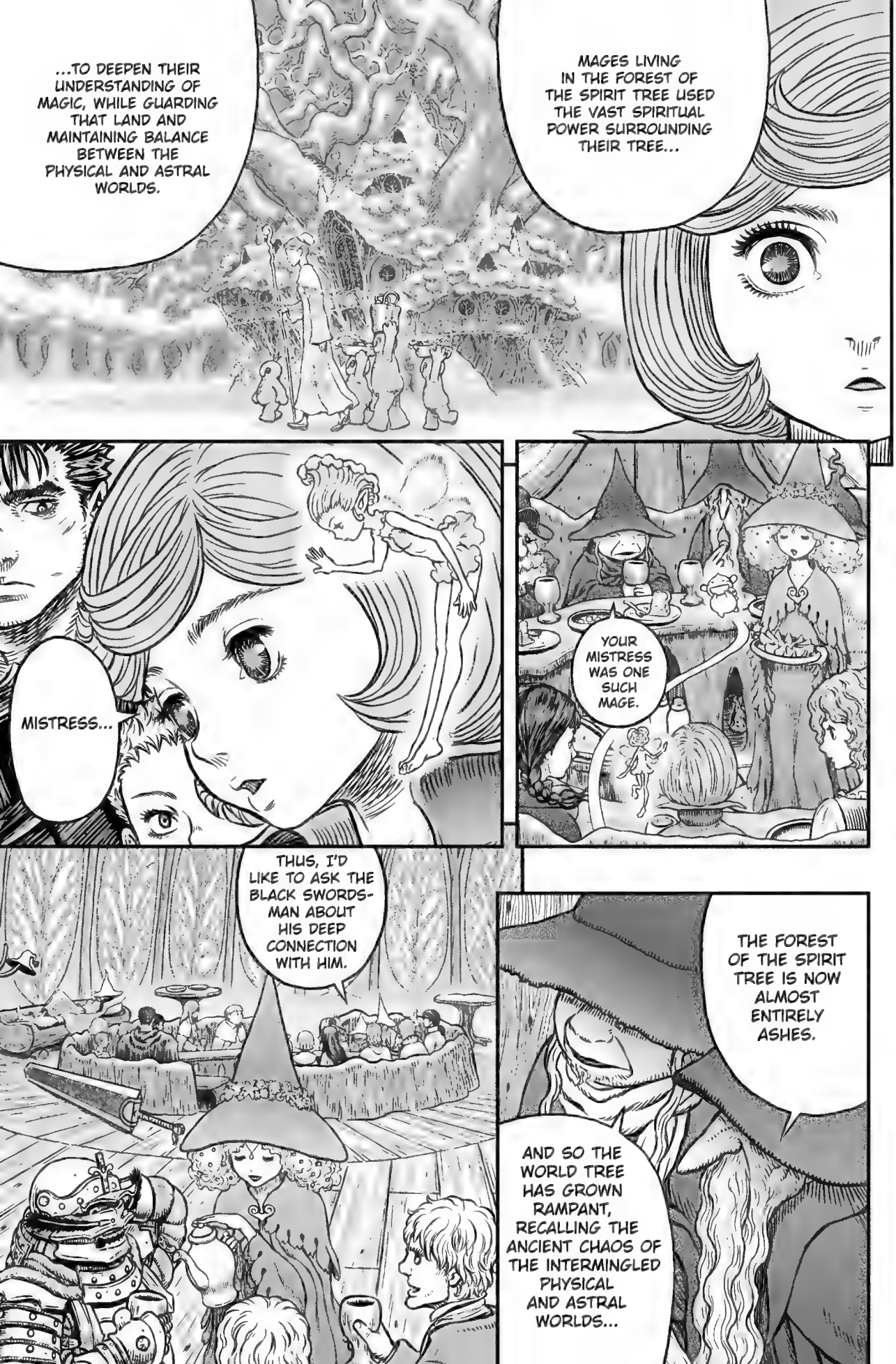
IT'S LITERALLY A MASSIVE FISSURE THAT PENETRATES THE WORLD...

SMALL ONES ARE CALLED THE ELFIN PATH, AND THEY CONNECT TO THE ASTRAL WORLD SHALLOWS.
OCCASIONALLY, CHILDREN IN THE WOODS WILL GET LOST ON THEM.
ON VERY RARE OCCASION, SUCH AS DURING A FULL MOON, PATHS WILL CONNECT THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.
FIS-SURE...
A CRACK?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
TRY VISUALIZING SOMETHING LIKE A MOLE BURROW.
AND LARGER ONES ARE CALLED THE DRAGON PATH...
...AND REACH DEEP INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.

THAT "EGG" AT YOUR SIDE...
...IS A FETISH FOR OPENING THE DRAGON PATH DEEP INTO THE ABYSS.
H-HOW SINISTER!
WH-WHAT IS THAT?
MR. POTATO HEAD?
IT MAKES ME LAUGH.

...OR IF YOU'RE MERELY CARRYING IT.
WHICH COULD IT BE?
MY CONCERN IS WHETHER THAT BELONGS TO YOU...
I ONCE HEARD THE SAME KINDA THING IN ANOTHER FOREST.
.....
HELL, YOU'RE A MAGE ALL RIGHT.
...THIS IS MINE!
WHAP
AND LIKE I SAID BEFORE...
EEEEK!
NOOO!
SHOO!
HERE, LOOK.
HE'S CUTE UP CLOSE.
HIS FAVORITE FOOD'S CHEESE. ♥
SURE ENOUGH, HE'S EVEN LIKE THIS BACK HOME.
DON'T LET IT CURSE YOU!
IT'S DOWNRIGHT GHASTLY...
H-HEY, ISN'T THAT THING DANGER-OUS ...?

EXCUSE ME-- COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME...
...WHY WAS THE ATTACK ON THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE CONNECTED TO THE ARRIVAL OF THAT WORLD TREE?
YOUNG LADY, "FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE"...
...IS A GENERIC TERM FOR LANDS THROUGHOUT THE INTERSTICE WHERE SEVERAL LARGE TREES EXIST.
AND EACH OF THOSE LARGE TREES IS A PARASITIC PLANT, LIKE MISTLETOE, WITH ITS ROOTS FASTENED SPIRITUALLY...
...INTO THE WORLD TREE.
PARA-SITIC...
AS A MAGE, YOU MUST KNOW THIS.
MISTLETOE STEMS NEITHER FROM THE EARTH NOR THE HEAVENS, AND THEREFORE SYMBOLIZES OUR PHYSICAL WORLD.
SO IT IS WITH THE TREES IN THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE.
BY ABSORBING POWER FROM THE WORLD TREE...
...THEY HINDERED THE EXPANSION OF ITS BRANCHES INTO THE PHYSICAL WORLD.


...TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC, WHILE GUARDING THAT LAND AND MAINTAINING BALANCE BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.
MAGES LIVING IN THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE USED THE VAST SPIRITUAL POWER SURROUNDING THEIR TREE...
MISTRESS...
YOUR MISTRESS WAS ONE SUCH MAGE.
THUS, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE BLACK SWORDSMAN ABOUT HIS DEEP CONNECTION WITH HIM.
THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE IS NOW ALMOST ENTIRELY ASHES.
AND SO THE WORLD TREE HAS GROWN RAMPANT, RECALLING THE ANCIENT CHAOS OF THE INTERMINGLED PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS...

WHAT IS IT HE DESIRES SO MUCH THAT HE'D BE REINCARNATED...
WHO IS THE HAWK OF LIGHT?
...AS THE GUARDIAN ANGEL OF LONGING, AND THEN TRANSFORM THE WORLD THIS WAY?
CAN YOU TELL ME?

GREAT...
.....
...BY THE TIME WE REACHED OUR DESTINATION...
I THOUGHT TO BE FREE OF MY OBSESSION WITH HIM...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE QUESTIONED ABOUT HIM.
HE'LL HAVE HIS OWN KINGDOM.
SEIZING A KING-DOM...
THAT DOES MAKE SENSE.
...BACK IN OUR MERCENARY DAYS.
THAT'S WHAT HE'D SAY...
ACCORDING TO MY SCRYINGS...
...IT SEEMED HE HAD RESTORED AN ANCIENT METROPOLIS NEAR THE FOOT OF THE WORLD TREE.
IN THIS NEW WORLD OF CHAOS...
...IT'S IRONIC THAT THE ROOT OF HIS TREE IS LIKE THE EYE OF A STORM...
...A LAND OF CALM SPIRITUAL POWER THAT REPELS ANY WICKED ETHEREAL BODIES.
YOU COULD SAY IT'S THE ONE AND ONLY "KINGDOM" WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

.....
OH, HE'S A MON-STER.
JUST WHO IS THIS COMPANION OF YOURS?
HE KNOWS THE HAWK OF LIGHT WHO CAUSED THE GREAT ROAR?
HMM...
I'VE HAD MORE THAN MY SHARE OF SURPRISES THUS FAR...
...BUT TO THINK YOUR NEMESIS IS CAPABLE OF CHANGING THE WORLD? THAT DEFIES ALL IMAGINATION.
.....
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN IS ASSOCIATED WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
IMPRESSIVE. I'LL HAVE TO CHECK INTO THIS...
YOU'RE NEVER OFF THE CLOCK.
TOO COMPLICATED. I DON'T GET IT.
RELAX. I'M IN THE DARK, TOO.
ポム PLOP
ポム PLOP

HEY, LISTEN.
SOMETHIN' HASN'T BEEN LININ' UP FOR ME. IS THAT HAWK OF LIGHT GUY THE WHITE HAWK--THAT MIDLAND HERO?
HE IS.
SO THAT HAWK USED MAGIC OR WHATEVER TO FILL THE WORLD WITH MONSTERS...
YOU PRETTY MUCH GOT IT.
AND SO... ...GUTS AND THE HAWK GO WAY BACK...
.....
D...
DON'T TELL ME...
...MY HERO...
...THE LEGEND-ARY...
...BAND OF THE HAWK HUNDRED-MAN KILLER...

WOW! INTRO-DUCE ME!
...WAS A BUDDY OF YOURS, GUTS?!
AL-MOST.
TO SEIZE A KING-DOM...
NO.
TO ESTABLISH THE ONLY KINGDOM IN THE WORLD, HE CHANGED THE WORLD ITSELF... THAT'S UTTERLY ABSURD.
ANY MEANS TO ACHIEVE HIS ENDS, EH?
NOT QUITE.
FOR HIM, IT'S MORE LIKE...
...AN END TO HIS MEANS.

NOTHING'S CHANGED.
GETTING HIS KINGDOM...
...THAT'S JUST ONE STEP...
...ALONG HIS WAY.
HE'LL CONTINUE SOARING HIGHER AND HIGHER.
THAT'S GRIFFITH...
...THE HAWK.

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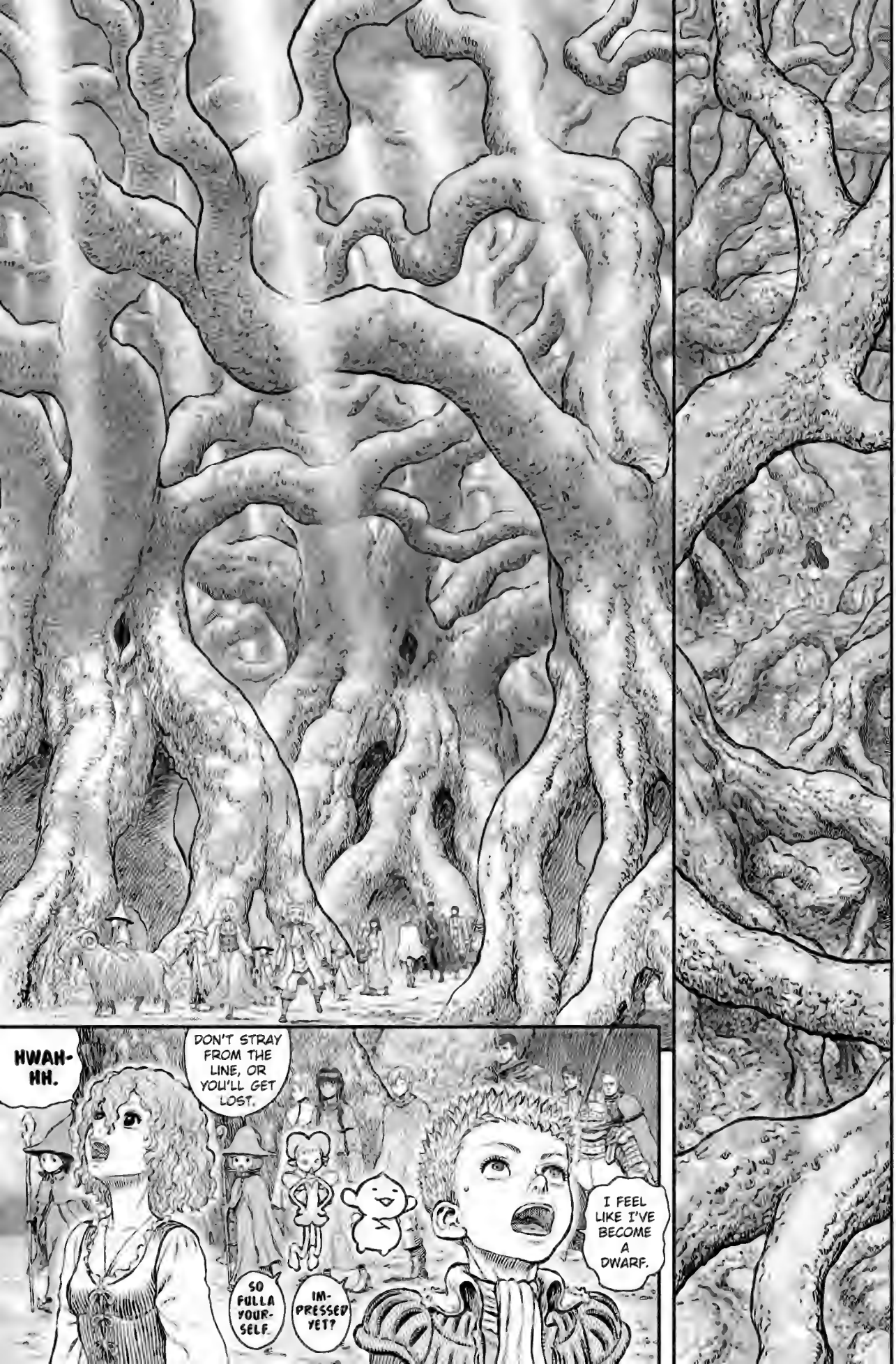
ELFHELM


HWAH-HH.
DON'T STRAY FROM THE LINE, OR YOU'LL GET LOST.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BECOME A DWARF.
SO FULLA YOUR-SELF.
IM-PRESSED YET?

ALSO...
...KINDA FEELS LIKE...
...MY BODY'S LIGHT-ER...
WHA?!
IT'S LIKE THE ENTIRE FOREST IS GIVING OFF LIGHT.
IT'S BRIGHT... DESPITE HOW DENSE THE FOREST IS.
BECAUSE IT'S FILLED WITH A VAST OD. IT'S STRONG...BUT GENTLE... SO THIS IS THE FOREST WHERE THE ELVEN RULER LIVES...
WHOA! SAY WHAT?!
FOR REAL?!!
I- I FLEW ?!
WOW ISIDRO! LIKE A GRASS-HOPPER!
YOU EVOLVED.
UPPITY, FOR A HUMAN.
WEIGHT... "BARYTES."!
IT'S BECAUSE THERE AREN'T MANY WEIGHT ELEMENTALS HERE.
OH.
I FLEW, TOO!
IGH!
STOP --!

BARYTES?
AN ELEMENT OUTSIDE THE FIRE, WATER, WIND, AND EARTH THAT MAKE UP THE WORLD.
IT IS THE "WEIGHT" ELEMENTAL-- EXTREMELY MINUTE BEINGS THAT TIE TOGETHER THOSE FOUR GREAT ELEMENTS.
A BARYTES IS SO SMALL, YOU CAN'T EVEN SCRY IT, BUT WHEN GATHERED TOGETHER, THEY MAKE OBJECTS HEAVY, DARKEN THE SKY, AND PRODUCE THINGS LIKE DEPRESSION AND OBSESSION IN THE MIND.
SUCH THINGS WOULD GENERALLY CLASH WITH THOSE WHO DWELL IN THIS FOREST.
YA-HA-HA
BOYOING
BOING
BOING
BOING
BOING
BOING
MY BODY FEELS LIGHT.
IT'S TRUE.
BOING
BOING
GRRSH
D-DON'T SHAKE IT!
POOR POKE WAS LONELY! NOT THAT I REMEMBERED THAT UNTIL NOW.
I'M SURE HE FORGOT THE WAY HOME WHILE HE WAS PLAYIN' AROUND, POOK. THAT SNEAK.
HEY PECK, IT'S PUCK. HE'S ALIVE.
HI, PUCK. LONG TIME.
HI, PICK.

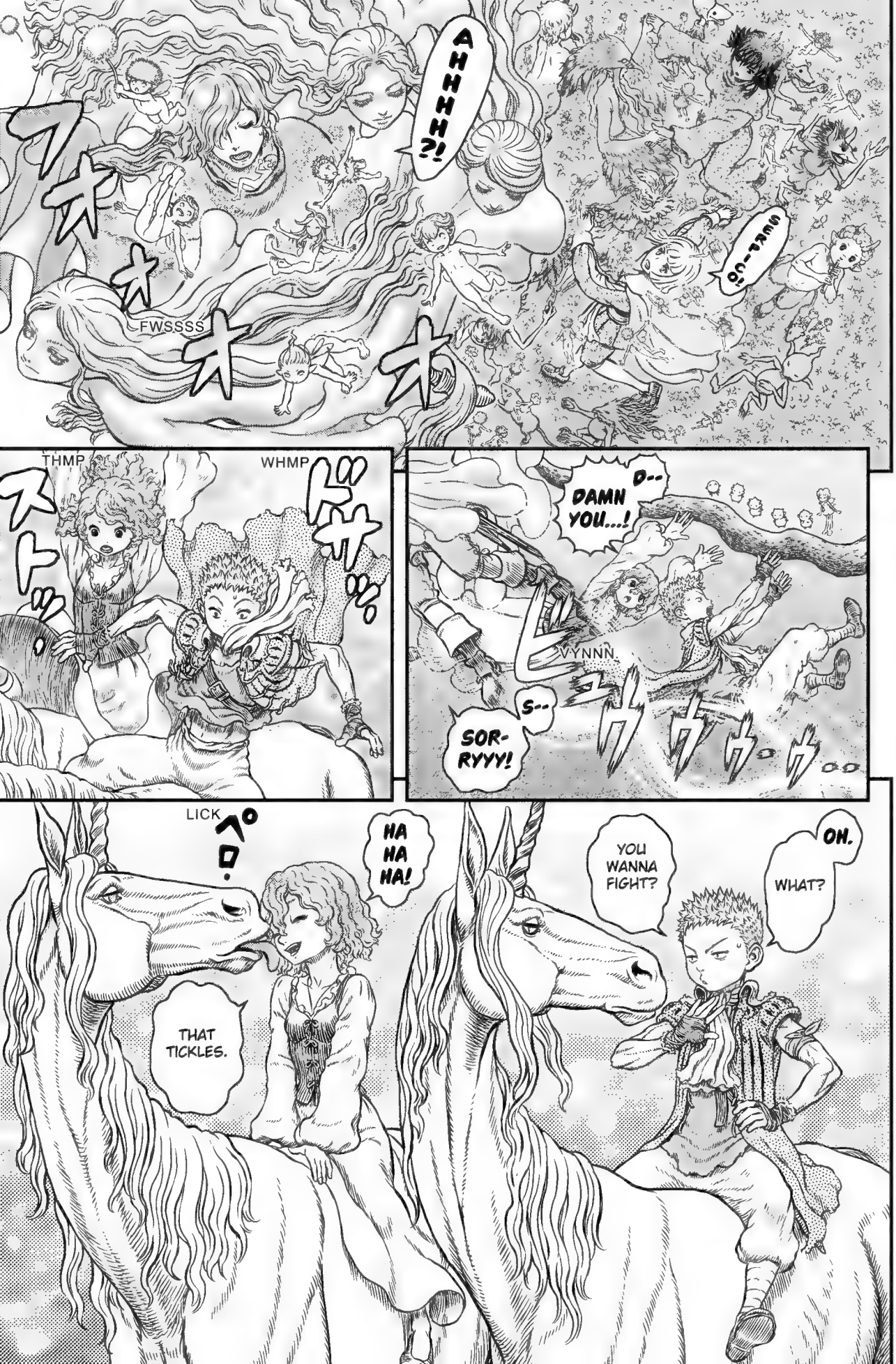
THE MAGES HAVE BROUGHT SOME HUMANS.

HUMANS.

PEOPLE.

IT'S PEOPLE.

THIS IS AMAZING...
ELFHELM, INDEED.
WELCOME, HUMAN.
WHERE'D YA COME FROM?
WHY'RE YA HERE?
WEL-COME.
EH?
TREA-SURE HUNT-ING?
FIRST, A SONG.
C'MON.
C'MON.
LET'S DANCE.
WA--
UH...
LET'S DANCE.
WHEE! WHEE!
HEY!
LADY--
IT'S THE WIND.
THE WIND.
OUR KIND.
EH?
HUH?
OUR KIND.
THIS ONE IS CLAD IN THE WIND.
LET US DANCE, MISS.


AHHHH?!
SWEE-OO
FWSSSS
THMP
WHMP
D--
DAMN YOU...!
VYNNN
S--
SOR-RYYY!
LICK
HA HA HA!
THAT TICKLES.
YOU WANNA FIGHT?
OH.
WHAT?

WHOA!
L-LET GO! DO YOU PLAN TO EAT ME?! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?!
THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH ELVES.
THIS IS CHAOS.
HIIII! ♥
HI-YA!
YOU CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE, RIGHT?
TELL US ABOUT IT!
ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
DEFINITELY FEELS LIKE THE LITTLE CHESTNUT'S HOMETOWN!
YOW! NOBODY IN THIS FOREST HAS ANY DISCIPLINE!
WELLLL, IF YOU INSIST.
FINE, I'LL TELL YA ABOUT MY AND SCHIERKE'S GORGEOUS ADVENTURE.
HO ふふふ HO ふ HO

THOU HAST DONE WELL TO REACH THIS LAND, HUMAN. I WOULD FIRST PRAISE THEE.
WE'VE GOTTA USE A SERIOUS VIBE FOR THIS. WRINKLED FOREHEAD.
ALL DRAMATIC.
HE'S NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS FOREST.
TOO HEAVY. I CAN'T DEAL.
THAT HUMAN'S GOT A SERIOUS VIBE.
HE'S SERI-OUS.
THEY'RE HIS RELATIVES, ALL RIGHT.
WE ARE NOT MASS-PRODUCED.
BUT TIS STILL TOO SOON TO RELAX. SHOULD THOU WISHEST TO ADVANCE, THOU MUST FIRST GET PAST US, THE FOUR BIG PS...
SO WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?
THEN LET'S WELCOME HIM.
YA DON'T SEE IT MUCH.
BUT THEN, THAT'S SCARCE.
フォォ
HOOOOOO
オォ
WELL, THIS SURE GOT OUT OF HAND. WOULD YOU MIND, DANANN?
ピタッ
HALT
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
MARCH ON HOME NOW.
ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE.
THEY'RE NOT SO BAD HERE, Y'KNOW?
THAT WAS A ROUGH RECEP-TION.
THEY'RE MORE TROUBLE THAN MONSTERS, IN A WAY.
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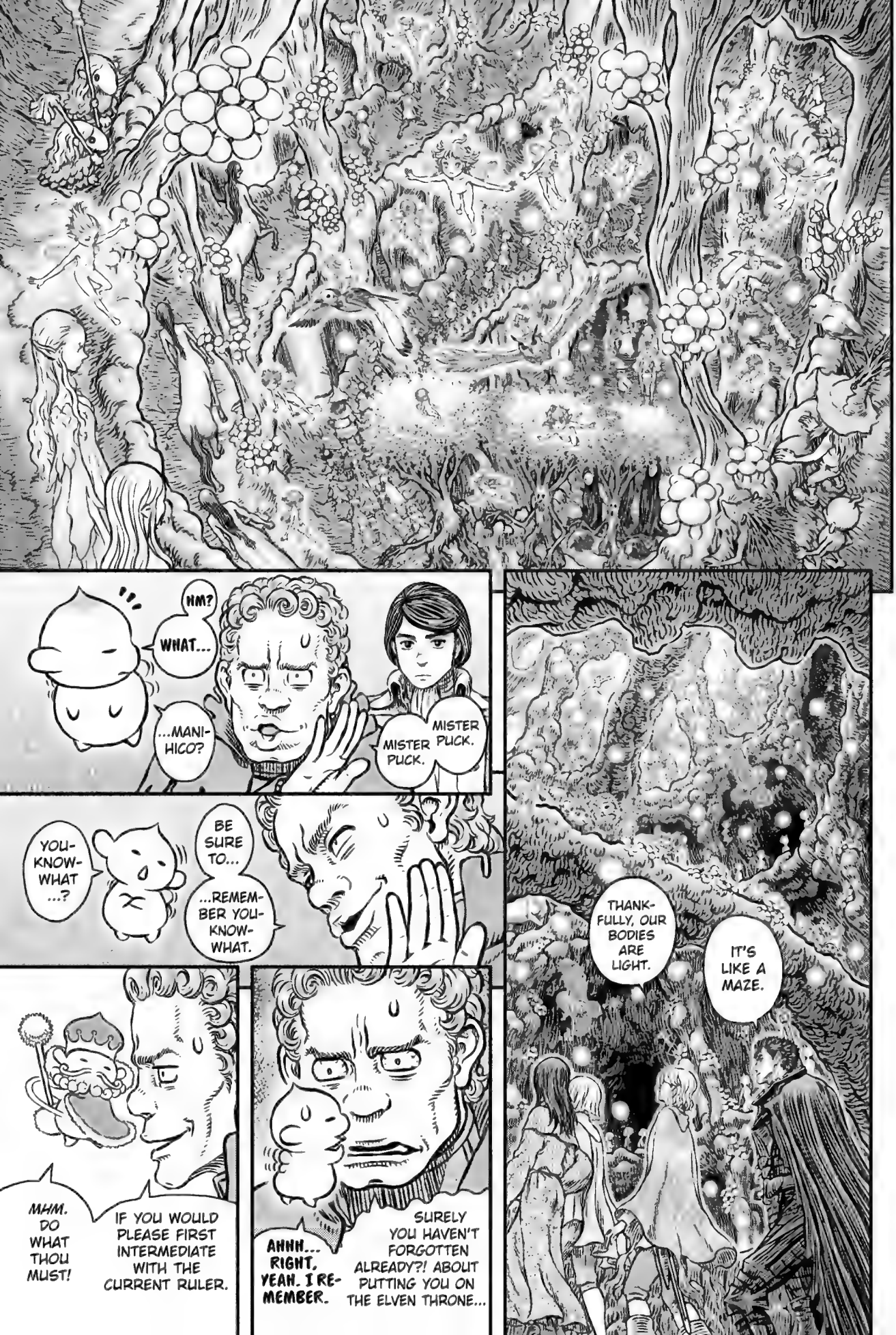
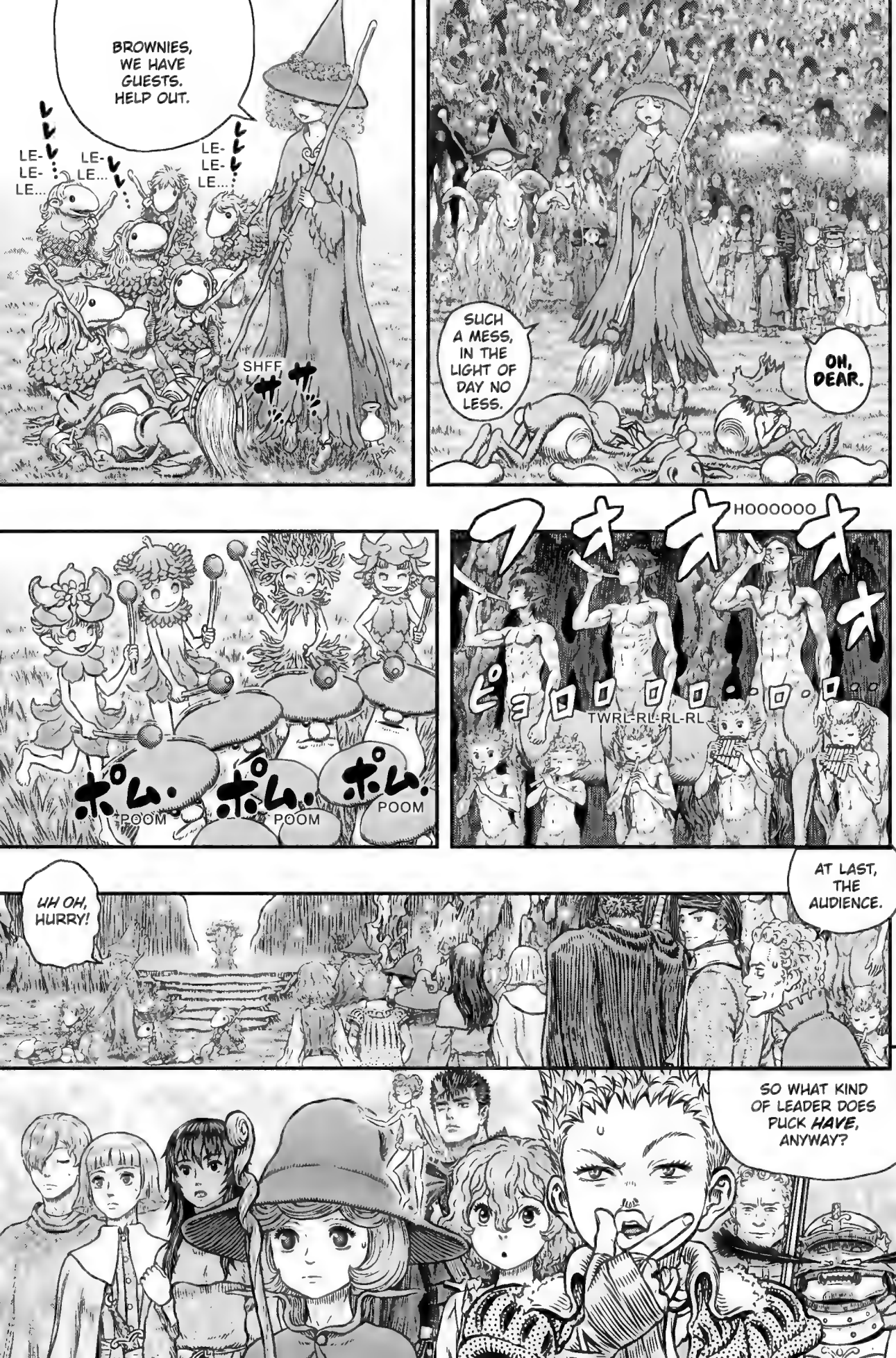
HRHR HRRR
GRRR
ELVES RULE.
THAT DAMN PACK-HORSE.

SO THIS IS A CHERRY TREE, HUH? JUST HOW MUCH FRUIT GROWS ON THIS THING, ANYWAY?
YOU CAN EAT ALL THE CHERRIES YA WANT YEAR-ROUND. THEY GROW BACK AS SOON AS YA PICK 'EM.
WELL, DAMN... UP CLOSE IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A MOUNTAIN THAN A TREE. LIKE YOU COULD PUT A WHOLE CASTLE ON TOP.
IT'S SO MAJESTIC... LIKE SOME OTHERWORLDLY SPECTACLE.
IT'S PRETTY... SO MANY ELVES...
EVERY-ONE!
YOU ENTER THROUGH THAT HOLLOW!
DWELLING IN THIS HUGE SPIRIT TREE AND ATTENDED BY SO MANY ELVES...
...JUST HOW POWERFUL IS THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH...?
WHY'S THAT IRK ME?!


IT'S LIKE A MAZE.
THANK-FULLY, OUR BODIES ARE LIGHT.
MISTER PUCK.
MISTER PUCK.
HM?
WHAT...
...MANI-HICO?
BE SURE TO...
...REMEMB-ER YOU-KNOW-WHAT.
YOU-KNOW-WHAT ...?
SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ALREADY?! ABOUT PUTTING YOU ON THE ELVEN THRONE...
AHHH... RIGHT, YEAH. I RE-MEMBER.
IF YOU WOULD PLEASE FIRST INTERMEDIATE WITH THE CURRENT RULER.
MH/M. DO WHAT THOU MUST!

I GUESS THE TREE ITSELF IS A PALACE...
WHAT THE HELL ...?!


BROWNIES, WE HAVE GUESTS. HELP OUT.
LE-LE-LE...
LE-LE...
LE-LE-LE...
SHFF
SUCH A MESS, IN THE LIGHT OF DAY NO LESS.
OH, DEAR.
HOOOOOO
TWRL-RL-RL-RL
POOM
POOM
POOM
UH OH, HURRY!
AT LAST, THE AUDIENCE.
SO WHAT KIND OF LEADER DOES PUCK HAVE, ANYWAY?

LOWER YOUR HEADS!!!
THE ELF KING HATH ARRIVED!!
FWOOSH
BUT DON'T WE PLAY EVERY DAY?
IS THAT RIGHT?
HUH?
GOT ME.
COOL, IF IT MEANS LESS WORK.
HUH?! NO! HOW CAN THIS BE?!
THIS IS A COUP D'ÉTAT...
WHAT'S HE DOIN'?
PUCK WAS THE KING?!
WHA...

NO...! I...!
WHA!
IF YOU TOADY TO ME NOW, MY FINANCIAL MINISTER MANI-HICO WILL PAY YOU HANDSOMELY.
YOU SOLD THE KINGDOM TO HUMANS?
YES.
I-I MISCALCULATED! I HAD NO IDEA THAT ELF WAS SO THAT...!
I'D BETTER FEIGN COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THIS, OR MY PLAN TO DEVELOP A MARKET FOR ELVES IS KAPUT...!
AH!
THAT'S TREASON!
WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE ...!
RUN! RUN!
MANI-HICO, MY LOYAL RETAINER!
YOUR PLAN TO OVERTHROW THE KINGDOM WAS CRUSHED!
ELVES, I SWEAR! ALL THEY EVER DO IS JOKE AROUND...
OH, WHATEVER COULD HE BE TALKING ABOUT?
SHOO
SEE YA IN VALHALLA.
TAKE THEM AWAY.

FWOOSH

...THE KINGDOM, PUCK.

GOOD GRIEF. YOU CAN'T GO OVER-THROWING...

THE HOUSE-KEEPER.

ISN'T SHE...?

PERHAPS CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD'S CORRUPTED YOU.

...TRAVEL-
ERS.
WELCOME
TO MY
ELFHELM...

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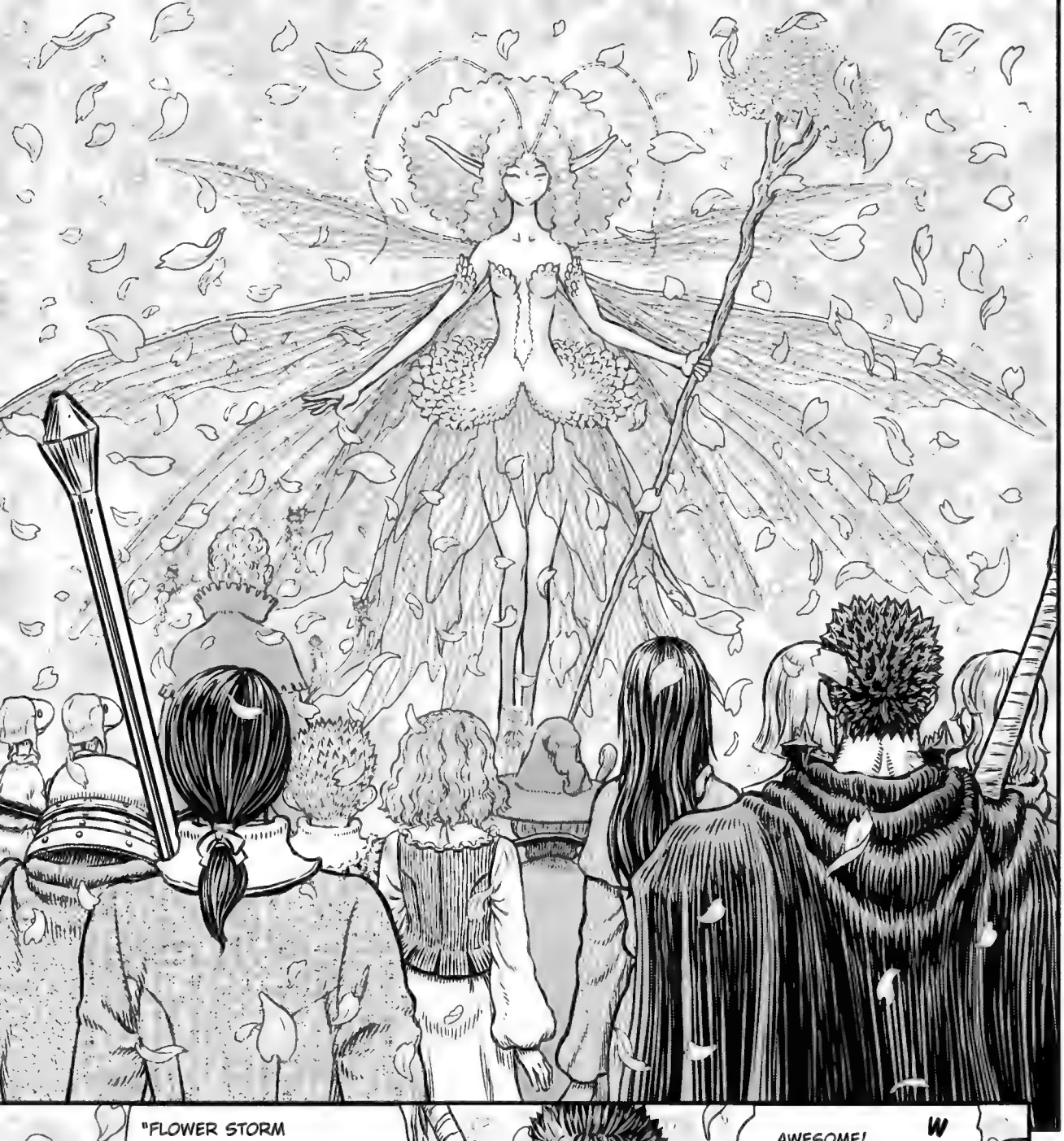
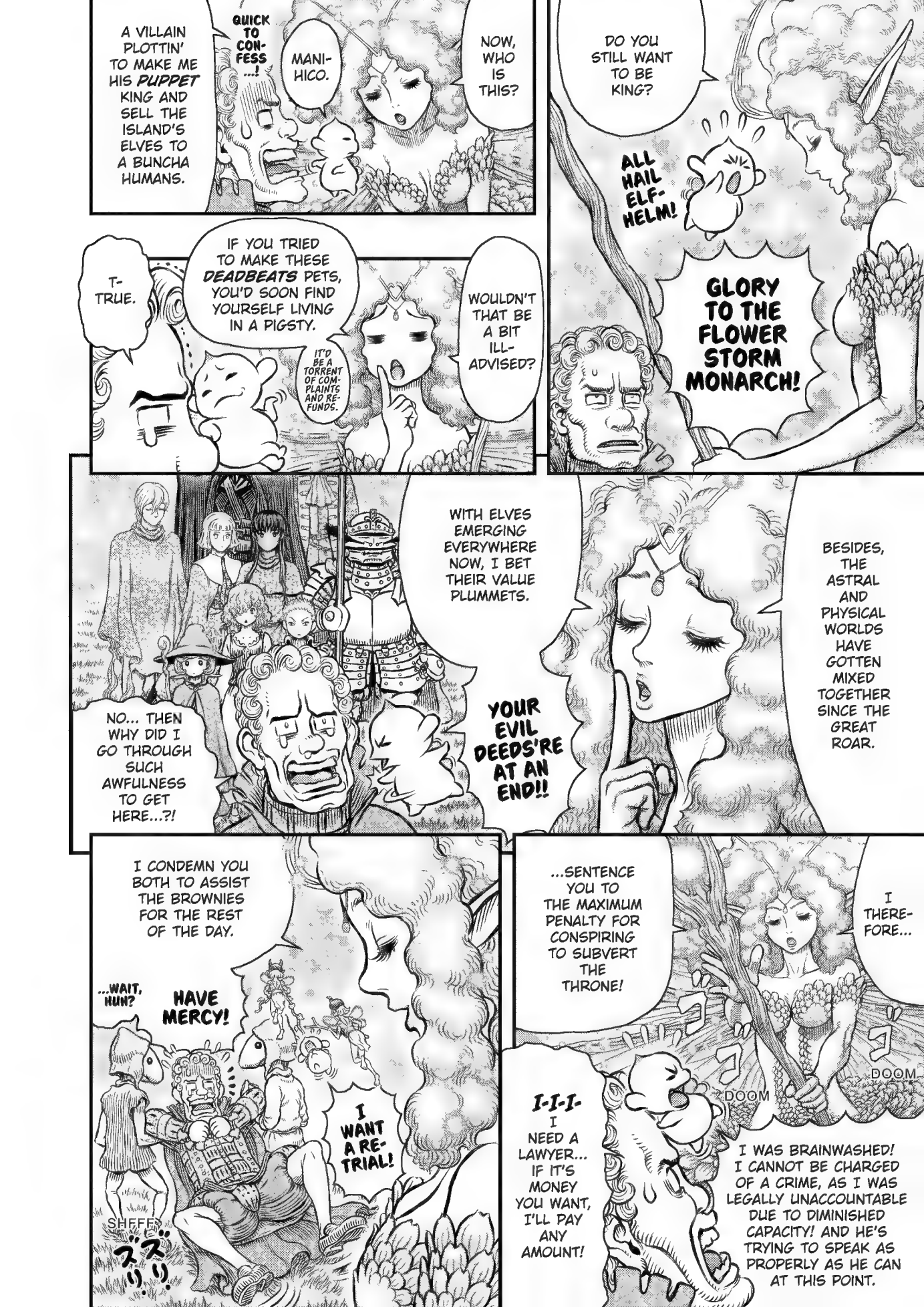
THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH



"FLOWER STORM MONARCH" INDEED, JUST AS THE MONIKER SUGGESTS.
BEAUTIFUL...
AWESOME! SHE TRANSFORMED?!
WHOA!
SURE SMELLS NICE.

BUT... IT'S COMFORTABLE... LIKE I'M WRAPPED UP IN IT...
THAT'S NICE AND WARM. REMINDS ME OF THE SPIRIT TREE MANSION.
I FEEL AN EXTRAORDINARY SPIRITUAL PRESSURE.
THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH.
THIS IS THE RULER OF THE ELVES...!
WE MADE IT HERE...
OHHH...
.....

HNNN
SERI-OUS.
...!
JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. FIRST I'M GOING TO PUNISH THESE TWO.
BZZZZ
AGHHHH!
CLENCH
...UH.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
!
DON'T YOU GUYS ALREADY DO THAT ANYWAY?
W-WORK?
BESIDES, THE KING HAS WORK TO DO AS WELL.
YOU WANT TO BE KING THAT BADLY?
THE KING IS FREE! TO LIE AROUND AND EAT GOOD FOOD! I'LL BE THE KING OF IDLE LIVIN'!
PUCK, HAVE YOU BEEN TAINTED BY HUMAN WORLDLI-NESS?
TO KEEP ON GOOD TERMS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, THE MAGES, I COOK, CLEAN, AND CHAT WITH THE VILLAGE ELDERS. LATELY I'VE STARTED TO FEEL LIKE I'M ACTUALLY A BROWNIE.
YEEP...
FWOOSH
YES! EVERY DAY I CLEAN UP ALL THE FOOD YOU GUYS LEAVE LYING ABOUT, SO THIS CHERRY TREE THAT'S BOTH OUR DWELLING AND KINGDOM DOESN'T WITHER.


A VILLAIN PLOTTIN' TO MAKE ME HIS PUPPET KING AND SELL THE ISLAND'S ELVES TO A BUNCHA HUMANS.
QUICK TO CON-FESS ...!
MANI-HICO.
NOW, WHO IS THIS?
DO YOU STILL WANT TO BE KING?
ALL HAIL ELF-HELM!
GLORY TO THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH!
T-TRUE.
IF YOU TRIED TO MAKE THESE DEADBEATS PETS, YOU'D SOON FIND YOURSELF LIVING IN A PIGSTY.
IT'D BE A TORRENT OF COM-PLAINTS AND RE-FUNDS.
WOULDN'T THAT BE A BIT ILL-ADVISED?
NO... THEN WHY DID I GO THROUGH SUCH AWFULNESS TO GET HERE...?!
YOUR EVIL DEEDS'RE AT AN END!!
WITH ELVES EMERGING EVERYWHERE NOW, I BET THEIR VALUE PLUMMETS.
BESIDES, THE ASTRAL AND PHYSICAL WORLDS HAVE GOTTEN MIXED TOGETHER SINCE THE GREAT ROAR.
I CONDEMN YOU BOTH TO ASSIST THE BROWNIES FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
...WAIT, HUN?
HAVE MERCY!
I WANT A RE-TRIAL!
SHEFF
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...SENTENCE YOU TO THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR CONSPIRING TO SUBVERT THE THRONE!
I THERE-FORE...
DOOM
DOOM
I-I-I-
I NEED A LAWYER... IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, I'LL PAY ANY AMOUNT!
I WAS BRAINWASHED! I CANNOT BE CHARGED OF A CRIME, AS I WAS LEGALLY UNACCOUNTABLE DUE TO DIMINISHED CAPACITY! AND HE'S TRYING TO SPEAK AS PROPERLY AS HE CAN AT THIS POINT.

SO.
NOW THAT THAT'S ALL CLEANED UP.
.....
AS RULER OF THIS ISLAND'S ELVES...
...I AM FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH.
BUT PLEASE, CALL ME DANANN.
I HAVE HEARD YOUR TALE.
BLACK SWORDSMAN...
...YOU WISH TO RESTORE THE YOUNG RAVEN-HAIRED WOMAN TO HER SENSES?
Y--
YOU CAN DO THAT?!

IF WE USE THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS...
...MOST LIKELY.
CONGRATULA-TIONS.
THAT'S GREAT!
GOOD NEWS, CHIEF.
THAT'S A RELIEF, THEN.
YEAH...
AUUU.
.....

THEN THE RAVEN-HAIRED WOMAN, AND YOU BESIDE HER...CAN YOU COME WITH ME, ALONG WITH THE LITTLE WITCH WHO CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE.
!
US?
...BUT I IMAGINE YOU'RE TOO IMPATIENT TO WANT THAT. WOULD YOU LIKE US TO GO AHEAD AND PERFORM THE RITUAL?
I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF WITH A WELCOME BAN-QUET...
YES, PLEASE...!
...!
...AND YOU ARE FLORA'S PROTÉGÉ AND ACCUSTOMED TO MAGIC RITUALS, RIGHT?
THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE RITUAL ARE THE ONE UPON WHOM IT'S PERFORMED AND THOSE WITH WHOM BONDS ARE STRONG. SHE'S QUITE ATTACHED TO THE BLOND GIRL...
...I'M AFRAID I MUST DECLINE.
...!
THAT...
COUNT ME IN, TOO...
THEN HOLD ON.

...GUTS.
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
...FROM HER TOWARDS YOU.
I SENSE STRONG FEAR...
THAT WOULD LIKELY HINDER THE RITUAL.
PLEASE, TRUST IN YOUR COMPANIONS.
FARNESE AND I ARE BOTH MAGES TO SOME EXTENT.
TAKE CARE OF CASCA.
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU TWO.
YEAH.

IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE PUCK AND MANI-HICO BEHIND?
THEY'LL PROBABLY CATCH UP WHEN THEY'RE DONE WORKING.
WE'VE COME THIS FAR. ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT AND HAVE FAITH.
WELL, IT WILL TAKE A WHILE FOR THE RITUAL TO FINISH. IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL BE PLAY-THINGS FOR THE ELVES AGAIN.
IT'D BE BEST TO COME BACK LATER.
THIS WAY, THIS WAY.
UM, FLOWER STORM MONARCH. MAY I ASK SOME-THING?
ASK ME WHAT?
AHH, AND YOU MAY CALL ME DANANN.
DANANN...
JUST WHAT IS THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS ...?

IT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.
I WILL HAVE YOU TWO ENTER INTO HER DREAMS.
INTO HER DREAMS...
YOU'LL DELVE DEEP INTO HER MIND...
...DECIPHER THE CLUES STREWN ABOUT THERE, AND FORMULATE A SOLUTION. THAT'S THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS RITUAL.
IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS WHEN A MAGE USES A RITUAL TO DIVE INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.
YOU AND I HAVE LUMINOUS BODIES, SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.
IS THAT P-POSSIBLE? I DON'T THINK I...
I SHALL GUIDE YOU.
...I SEE NOW.
DO BEAR...
...ONE THING IN MIND, THOUGH.
THE FIRST THING YOU MUST DO IS UNCOVER THOSE RULES.
YOU COULD SAY DREAMS ARE A PART OF THE ASTRAL WORLD, BUT THE RULES THEREIN STEM FROM THE MIND OF THE DREAMER.

THE RITUAL WILL TAKE PLACE HERE.
I SUPPOSE YOU'D CALL IT THE MAGIC MUSHROOM BED.
THESE LITTLE ONES HAVE ALL DRAWN PLENTY OF SPIRITUAL ENERGY FROM THE CHERRY TREE'S ROOTS, AND WILL LURE YOU INTO A DREAM STATE.
LIE DOWN WHEREVER YOU WISH.
SCHIER-KE.
BOING
YOU MUST STAY HERE.
INHALE THE SPORES.
...AND BREATHE SLOWLY.
RELAX...
A-CHOO!

ボヤアア…
DAZE

THEY'VE ALL BEEN STREWN ABOUT. GO AND WANDER THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS...

...WHERE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THOSE THINGS ARE GATHERED.

BURIED FEELINGS.

UNFORGET-TABLE MEMORIES...

...NEVER-THELESS FORGOTTEN.

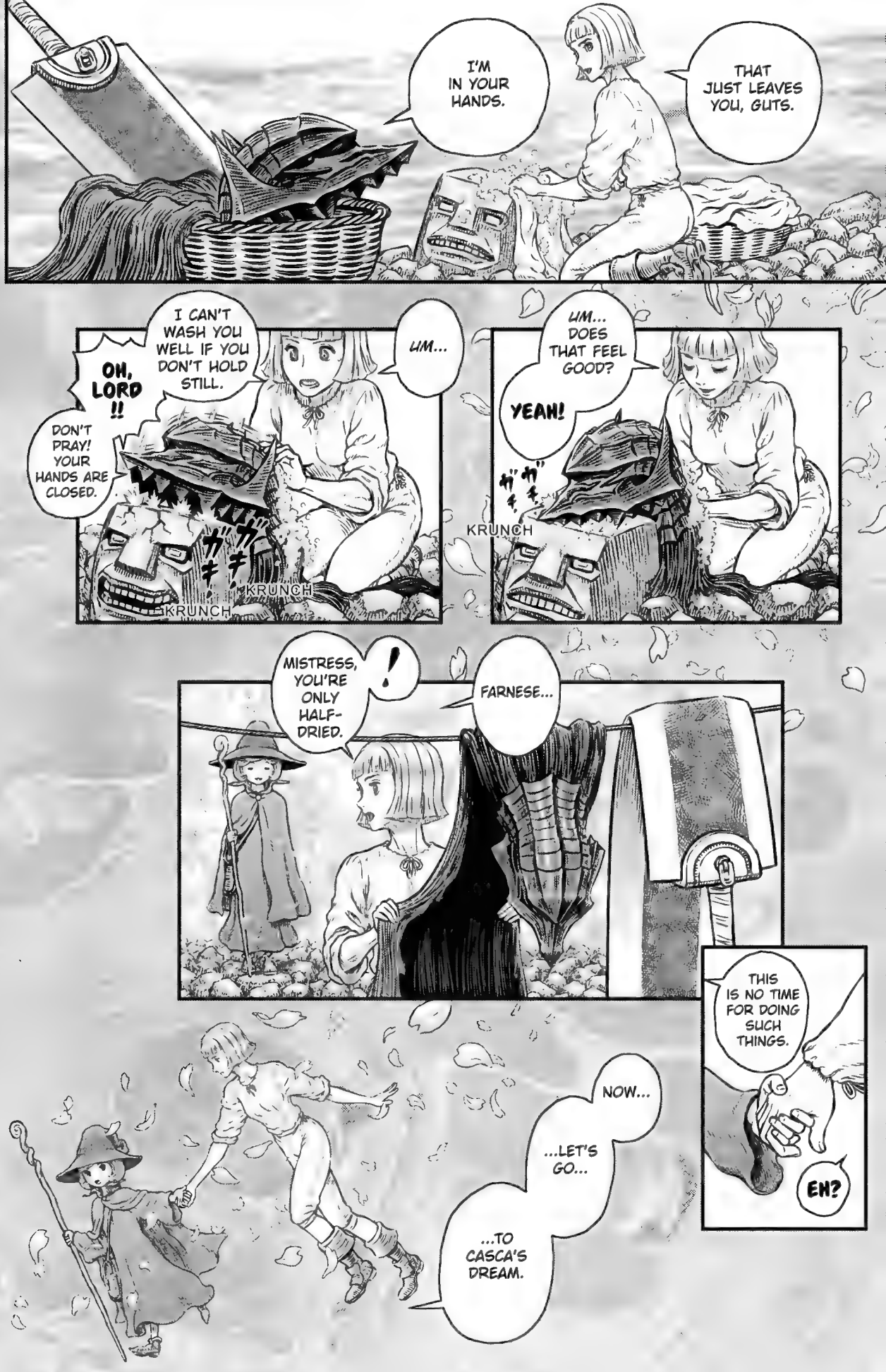
AND NOW, GO ON YOUR WAY.

キョロ
キョロ
GLANCE
にへら
BEAM
ペロ
LICK
FLINCH
ビクッ!
I SEE IT.

I'LL SO TELL ON YA.
NO MERCY, NO HOLDS BARRED.
...AND FARNY.
...AND GUTS...
DON'T!
D--
OOK
ウキキ
I'LL TELL ON YA.
I'LL TELL YOUR MISTRESS...
OOK
OOK
モキー
THIS ISN'T ...! UM...
NO!
N--
YOUR HONEY.
YOUR SWEET SECRET.
RAGH!
RAGH!
GOLEM!
WHEEL OF FLAME!
TOK
TOK
トコ
トコ
POOF
POOF
POOF
ポ
カラ
カラ
CLATA
SPLAT
AH!
DREAM ON.
WAHHHHH!
LICK
ペロ
ペロ
WAHHHHH!
OOKA
モキャキャ
OOKA
PUT THE SQEEZE ON YA WITH MY TAIL.

THIS IS MY DREAM...
WAHHH...
...WAIT.
!
TMP
TO THAT DOOR...!
WHAT'S UP WITH THE HONEY?
WHAT'S UP WITH THE HONEY?
KREEE
POK
POK
POK
WHAT'S UP--

WHEW
YOU KNOW, LADY FARNESE, YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER AT DOING LAUNDRY.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SHOWED ME THE ROPES.
FLAP
FLAP
SCRUB
SCRUB
I SUP-POSE.
WE ARE GRATEFUL.
IT'S A BIG HELP FOR US ALL.
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.
NOT A SINGLE STAIN.
WELL DONE.
THAT'S OUR COM-MANDER FARNESE.
NO...
...I JUST HAVE A GOOD WASHING STONE.
SCRUB
SCRUB
YOUR DEDICATION IS TRULY ADMIRABLE.
YOU SET AN EXAMPLE FOR GOD'S LAMBS.


I'M IN YOUR HANDS.
THAT JUST LEAVES YOU, GUTS.
UM...
I CAN'T WASH YOU WELL IF YOU DON'T HOLD STILL.
OH, LORD !!
DON'T PRAY! YOUR HANDS ARE CLOSED.
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
UM... DOES THAT FEEL GOOD?
YEAH!
KRUNCH
FARNESE...
MISTRESS, YOU'RE ONLY HALF-DRIED.
!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR DOING SUCH THINGS.
EH?
NOW...
...LET'S GO...
...TO CASCA'S DREAM.

!?
IS THIS...
...ME ?!
THIS IS CASCA'S ...?
THIS IS A TYPICAL DREAM OF HERS...
...WITHIN HER SHALLOW CONSCIOUS-NESS.
THERE!
WE'LL HAVE TO DIVE DEEPER.
WHAT ARE THOSE PETALS?
THOSE ARE DANANN'S GUIDANCE.
IF WE FOLLOW THEM...
...THEN SURELY...

ゴゴゴゴゴ
HONNNN

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DIMLY LIT WASTELAND

ビュウウウ…ウ…
WHRRRLLL
バタ。
FLAP
バタ。

...BY A BLACK SUN...

A WASTELAND DIMLY ILLUMINAT-ED...

THIS...

...IS THE WORLD OF CASCA'S DEPTHS.

...DESOLATE SCENE.
WHAT AN EERIE, SAVAGE...
...FOR ONE'S PSYCHE TO RESEMBLE SUCH A LANDSCAPE ...?
WHAT MUST HAVE TRANSPIRED...
AND WHAT'S THAT... THAT MOUNTAIN OF NEEDLES IN THE DISTANCE...?
WHAT ARE ALL THESE FLAGLIKE THINGS PLANTED ABOUT?
ANYWAY, FIRST WE NEED TO FIND CASCA AS SHE EXISTS IN THIS WORLD...
BUT HOW, IN SUCH A VAST LANDSCAPE...?
...RIGHT.
...FOR NOW, I DO NOT KNOW. BUT DETERMINING THEIR MEANING IS THE VERY GOAL OF THIS JOURNEY.
FOCUS, AND THE SIGN OR OMEN WILL SURELY...
IN DREAMS, DISTANCE AND SCALE ARE MERELY SYMBOLIC.

ビュウウ・ウウ・
WHIRRLL
WHAT'S --?
HAH
HAH
CLACK
ZHEFF

!

THAT CREST ON THE CASKET ...!

...THAT HOUND'S LEFT FORE-LEG...

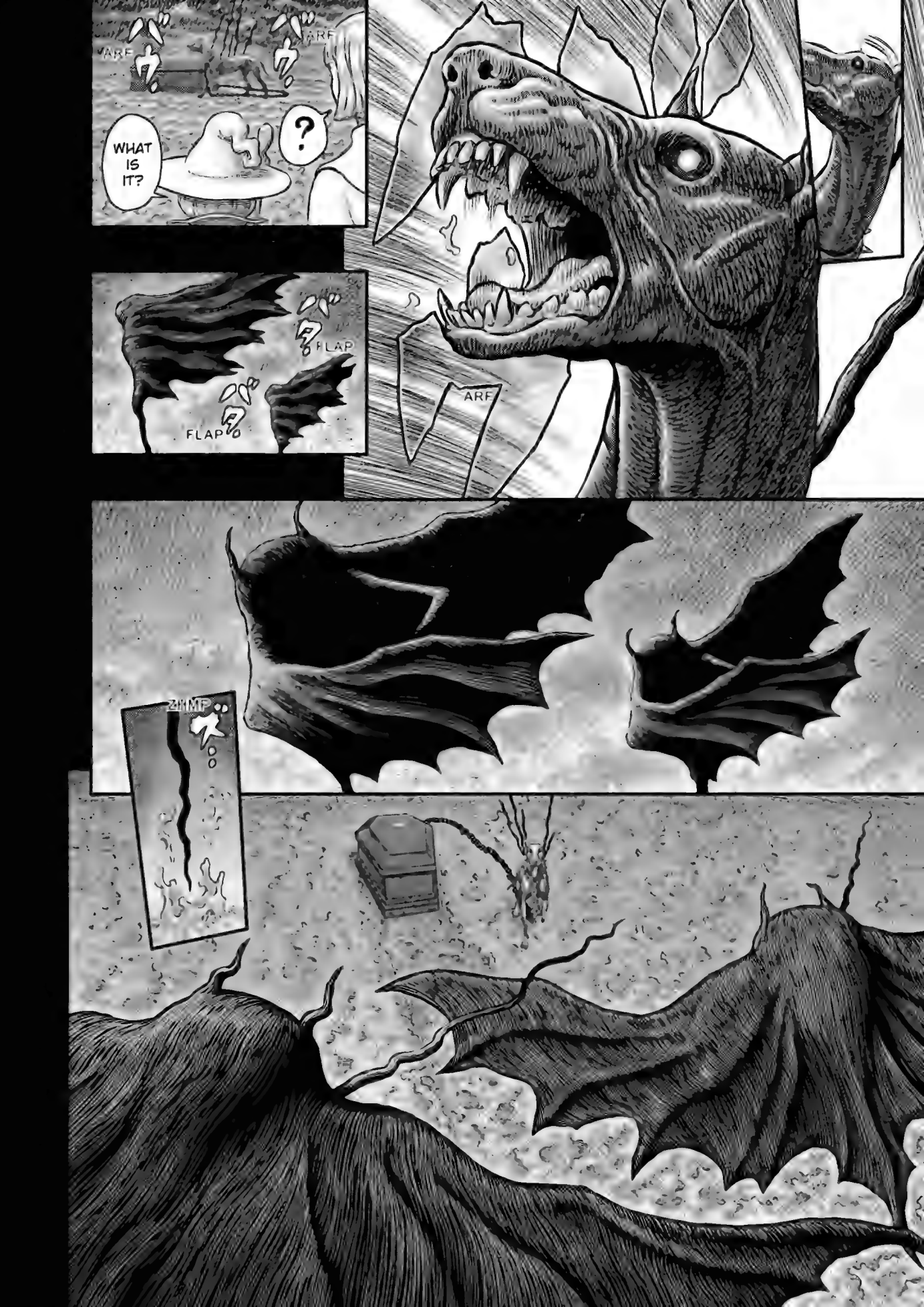
PLAP PLAP PLAP

THAT'S DREAD-FUL...

.....

AN IMPALED HOUND DRAGGING A CASKET...

...A DOG?


ARF
ARF
WHAT IS IT?
?
ARF
FLAP
FLAP
ZRMP

SFF
THNK
ROWF
CHNK
THNK

SNAP
GRAHH
CHNK
WE HELP THE HOUND!
R...
...RIGHT!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?!
HEY ...!
FLAP
FLAP
SHFF
FWFF

BWOOPH
SHFFF
WE DID IT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
RRRR
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS, GETTING THIS CLOSE...?
UM...
GOFF
SHLLLM

I KNEW IT.
WHAT IS THIS DOG...?
LOOK.
HE SEEMS TO REALIZE WE ARE NOT ENEMIES.
IS IT OKAY?
HUFF
HUFF
!
IT'S THE...
...IN THIS WORLD.
THIS IS GUTS, AS HE EXISTS...

HE'S COVERED IN WOUNDS.
AND THE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE IS THE BRAND ON HIS NECK.
ALL THE SIGNS MATCH.
HE'S LOST HIS LEFT FORELEG.
AND THIS IS A DREAM.
...HE'S ...A DOG.
BUT...
WE'RE GOING TO OPEN IT, ALL RIGHT?
I FEEL GUILTY, LIKE WE'RE DISTURBING A GRAVE...
WHICH...
...MEANS...
ガタ.
TUNK
IGH!
I'M SORRY. IT'S NECES-SARY.
WOOF

A BRO-KEN...
...DOLL?
LOOK...
I'M SURE OF IT.
THIS IS CASCA.

NO...!
THIS...
...CRUMBLING, HOLLOW DOLL IS HER...?
.....
...GUTS.
ウオーン
AWOOOOO
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
...OH.
TAKE A LOOK FROM THIS SIDE.
?
THERE'S SOME...
...SMALL THING INSIDE THE CHEST...

A TINY PERSON?
SHE'S EVEN SMALLER THAN PUCK OR IVALERA...
SHE'S PROBABLY A FRAGMENT OF CASCA'S SELF...
SO TO SPEAK.

COME HERE.
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR.
SCOOT
ちょん
TAP
SH...
...SHE'S ADORABLE...
TCH-TCH-TCH
.....
HOP
しなっ

...SHE WON'T HOLD STILL. TYPICAL OF THE CASCA THAT WE KNOW.
ちょろ。
DART
ちょろ。
DART
ちょろ。
DART
WE CAN'T AFFORD FOR THE WIND TO CARRY HER OFF. LET'S PUT HER BACK.
WERE THIS LITTLE CASCA SEPARATED FROM THE DOLL HERE IN HER MIND, IT COULD AFFECT HER IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD.
TH-THAT'S TRUE.
ビュオウウ...
WHSSSSS
...WATCH OUT.
ROLL
FLAIL
FLAIL
ぴょん。
HOP
ぴょん。
HOP
...JUST SIT TIGHT NOW.
...I'M SORRY.
I'LL PLAY WITH YOU AGAIN LATER...

I HAVE A HANDLE ON THE OVERALL SITUATION.
AS FOR WHAT WE DO FROM THIS POINT FORWARD...
WELL...
FWOOSH
フオオ...
!
MIS-TRESS.
YES.
LET'S FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE.
COME, THIS MUST BE WHAT YOU WISH AS WELL.

ROWF
WHIRRLLL

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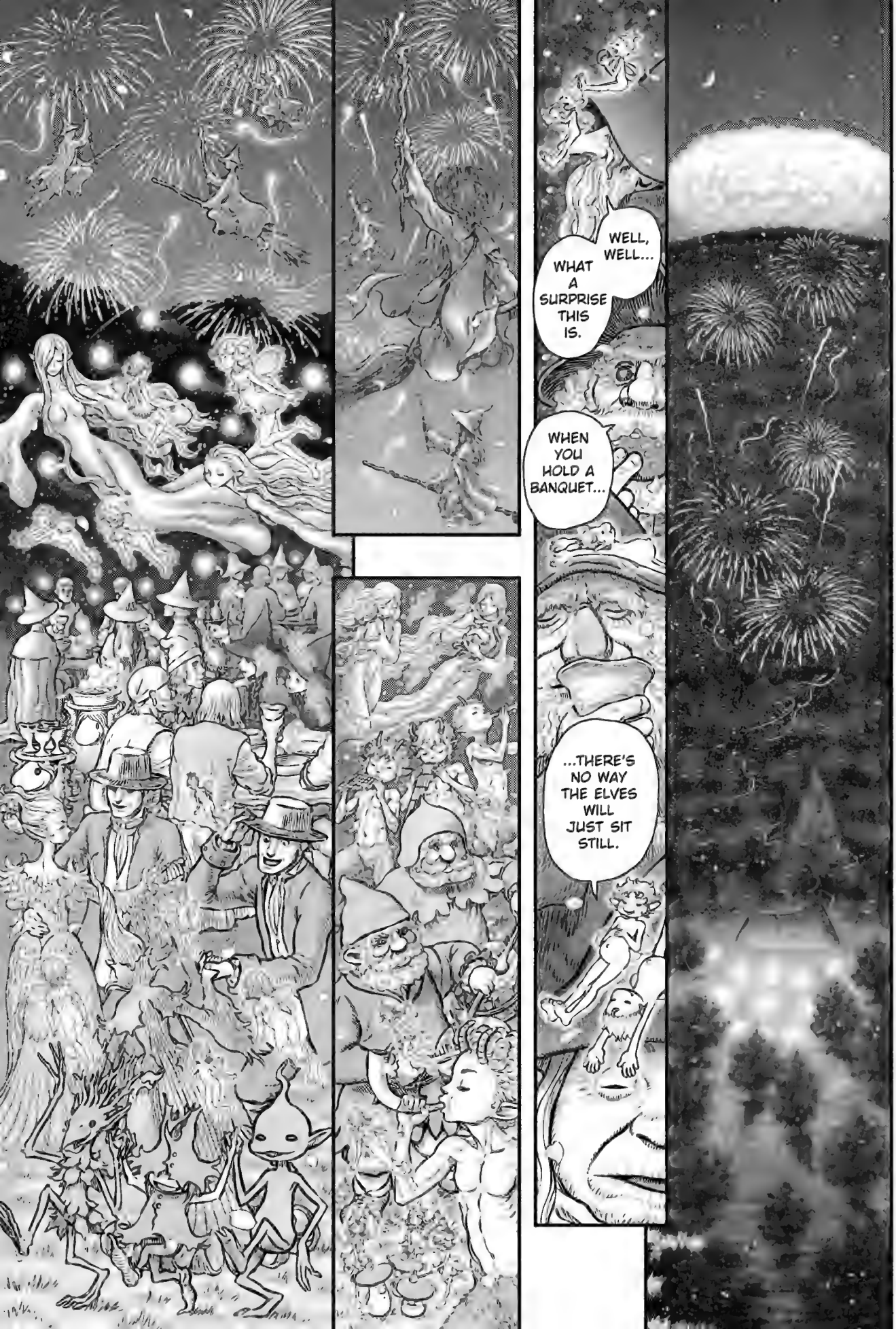
THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS


WELL, WELL...
WHAT A SURPRISE THIS IS.
WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET...
...THERE'S NO WAY THE ELVES WILL JUST SIT STILL.

AND WITH MY SALAMANDER DAGGER... I FINISH IT OFF!
I RUN THROUGH THE LINE OF DEAD SPIRITS, THEN SHWOP!
WASH AWAY THE WEARINESS OF TRAVEL, AND MAYBE SOME SCALES, OR EXTRACT...
HEY, WANT TO COME TAKE A BATH? IT'S FULL OF HERBS.
HNNN, THA'S RIGHT.
OH, THERE WENT MUH UNDIES.
SNEE?
YOU'RE A MERROW?!
ビタン!
SHLAP
WAHAHAHAHA
WORK.
WORK.
WHY AM I WAITING TABLES ...?
SOMEHOW I FIT RIGHT IN WITH YOU FELLOWS.
ROLL
ROLL
PUDGE
PUDGE
THIS IS E-EXPLOITA-TION!

...ENJOY A NIGHT VIEW OF THE BLOSSOMS.
LET'S JUST US MEN...
MAY WE JOIN YOU, CHIEF?

I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL...
...BUT AT THIS POINT, ALL YOU CAN DO IS LEAVE IT TO OTHERS.
ISN'T THAT WHAT OUR VOYAGE... WHAT YOUR WHOLE JOURNEY WAS FOR?
BUT THEN, YOU DON'T SEEM TO LIKE DOING THAT.
...THAT'S TRUE.
OR IT USED TO BE...
...BUT A LOT HAS CHANGED.
THIS JOURNEY'S TAUGHT ME A FEW THINGS.
ALONE...
...MY OWN BODY ON THE LINE...
...I COULD ROUGH IT...
...WITH-OUT RE-GARD...
...FOR HOW WORN OUT IT GOT.
BUT WITH THE TWO OF US...
...MY SWORD GREW HEAVY.
I COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO DIE...
...AND I COULD NO LONGER HANDLE IT ALL ON MY OWN.
I SET ASIDE MY OWN WAYS...
...ACCEPT-ED HELP FROM OTHERS...
...AND HAVE PUSHED ONWARD.

I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU.
...CONCERNING MY EXPERIENCE...
...ON THIS JOURNEY.
...WELL, I CAN SPEAK SIMILARLY...
TO HEAR SUCH COMMENDABLE WORDS FROM YOU...
ARE YOU DRUNK ALREADY?
COULD BE...
I CAN'T SAY WE WERE HAPPY, BUT IT SUITED LADY FARNESE AT THE TIME.
OUR ONLY DUTY WAS TO OBEY THE WILL OF THE HOLY SEE.
...WE PUT OUR FAITH IN GOD AND ENJOYED RELATIVELY PEACEFUL DAYS.
WHEN THE TWO OF US SERVED AS HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS...
HAVING LOST HER FAITH, LADY FARNESE BECAME OBSESSED WITH YOU-- THE DESTRUCTIVE SPARK.
...OUR ENCOUNTER WITH YOU LITERALLY REDUCED IT ALL TO ASHES.
BUT THEN...
BUT YOU MANAGED TO DO WITH EASE SOMETHING I HAD DEEMED UNTHINKABLE.
HAVING SERVED HER SINCE CHILDHOOD, I COULD DO NOTHING BUT STAND BESIDE HER.

YOU BREATHED LIFE...
...INTO LADY FARNESE.
...I WAS HAPPY... AND PROUD OF LADY FARNESE...
NONE-THE-LESS...
...WHO WAS LEARNING TO STAND ON HER OWN.
I WAS... BEWILDERED BY THE INTENSITY OF MY EMOTIONS.
TO BE HONEST, I WANTED TO MURDER YOU MULTIPLE TIMES.
THEN...
I... REALIZED...
...LADY FARNESE HAS GROWN STRONG.
THAT A PERSON WITH SOMEONE TO PROTECT WILL RISE TO THE TASK.
THAT CASCA IS THE REASON...

NOWADAYS, IT'S AS IF SHE WERE DEVOTEDLY WATCHING OVER HER OWN LITTLE SISTER.
SO LET'S HAVE PATIENCE...
...AND TRUST IN THEIR BOND.
...AS FOR ME...
...I'VE COME TO TRUST MY COMPANY ENOUGH TO SPEAK MY FEELINGS.
YOU MIGHT BE DRUNK.
FEELINGS, MURDER... DANGEROUS STUFF.
BUT, WHY NOT?
GROWN MEN RISKING LIFE AND LIMB ON THE HIGH SEAS, ALL FOR A WOMAN'S SAKE...
IT'S ALL SO APPEALING TO ME.
CAPTAIN, YOU ARE DRUNK.
WHEN I MEET MY END, I WANT TO DROWN IN THE SEA, IN WINE, OR IN WOMEN.

WHRRRLLLL

...YOUR WISH WILL BE HER WISH.

AND MORE THAN ANY-THING...

...THERE'S NO GUARAN-TEE...

WE'VE WALKED QUITE A WAYS...
AGAINST THE WIND NO LESS...
WHERE ARE THESE PETALS LEADING US?
TIME AND DISTANCE ARE AMBIGUOUS HERE.
...ALTHOUGH I THINK WE'RE ABOUT DUE FOR SOME OMEN...
MISTRESS, WHAT'S THAT...?
POKI
IT'S...
A CAMP-FIRE?
WHEWWW... IT'S WARM... LET'S REST A BIT BEFORE WE GO ON.
...WHAT COULD IT MEAN?
!

THIS IS...
...A SCRAP OF CASCA'S MEMORIES.
IS THIS ...?
THEN THIS BACK...
THIS MUST BE...
!
CAMPFIRE OF DREAMS...
...HUH.

YOU SOUND LIKE SOME PRINCESS.
YOU SMOOTH TALKER.
IT'S GUTS...
...BEFORE WE MET HIM.
...I DON'T KNOW.
A GUTS...
A STRANGE FEELING.
IT'S BITTER-SWEET AND TENDER...
A FEELING'S COMING THROUGH.
IT'S WHAT CASCA FELT AT THE TIME.
WHAT'S THIS?
カラ。
CLACK
BUT...
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
CAN IT.
YOU COULD SCATTER THEM JUST BY BLOWING, SO ALL THOSE LITTLE FLAMES...!
THROW...
...

CLATA
WHAT COULD IT BE?
KRCH
KRCH
CHULP
I SEE...
WE MEET AGAIN.
HOP
BOLT
HOP
PLEASE OPEN IT FOR HIM
ARE YOU SURE?
TUNK
CLASH
LOOM
FLINCH
SHOOM
THD

WE'LL GATHER THE FRAGMENTS OF CASCA'S MEMORIES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THIS WASTELAND...
...AND REPAIR THE DOLL.
IF WE DO THAT, I'M SURE--
THE DOLL WAS RESTORED ...?
THIS MUST BE THE RULE OF THIS WORLD.
ウオーン
ROWF
!
IT'S THOSE SHADOWY THINGS AGAIN...!
SO MANY THIS TIME...
THEY MUST INTEND TO HINDER US.

WHAT ARE THEY?
...I MUST HAVE BROUGHT THEM FROM MY DREAM.
.....
RUMMAGE
WE'LL FIGHT THEM OFF!
...?
...A STROKE OF LUCK!
BUT IT'S SURELY...
ASSIST US!!
BOTH OF YOU!
BWOOSH

BWORRRSH

ZHMMM

WOOOSH

MOGGGH

WELL!
IT IS A DREAM!
AMAZ-ING ...!
BRMMMBLE

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FRAGMENTS OF MEMORY

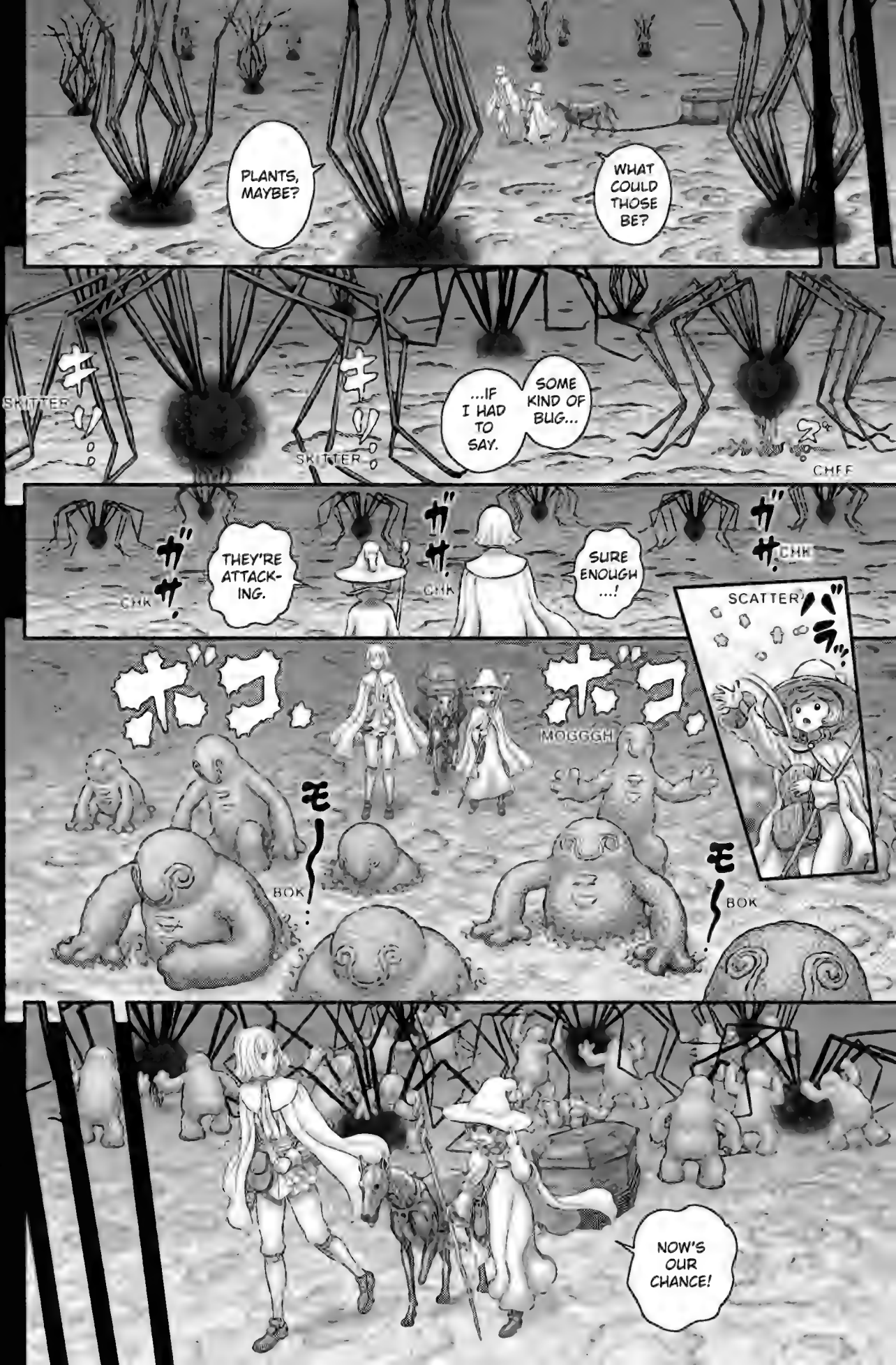
MISTRESS, LOOK AT THAT!
A SWORD AND...
...A HELMET?
SO IT SEEMS.
コツ.
TOK
FWOM
!
...A BOY?
WHOM MIGHT HE BE?

BDADUMP
BDADUMP
CHINNNG
ARF
IS THIS GUTS IN HIS YOUTH?
CHONNNG
WHY?
THEY'RE FIGHTING...
I CAN SENSE CASCA'S FIERCE FIGHTING SPIRIT.
DO YOU SUPPOSE THOSE TWO WERE...
...ENEMIES?
I'M DEAD ...!
PWEF

WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
FLINCH
KICK
THMP
DASH
CHULP
DROP
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS DEFINITELY THE WAY.
IT HAPPENED AGAIN...
SHHHM
LET'S CONTINUE ON GATHERING HER FRAGMENTS.
YES!
PLEASE KEEP AT IT, GUTS THE DOG.
ROWF

RAHHHHHH
FLAP
WHAT'S THIS ...?
A FLAG... A MILITARY FLAG.
TOK
A BATTLE ...?!
CASCA WAS A SOLDIER, AFTER ALL.
KWOP
HONGEH !!
WHAT IS HE? A SHARK KNIGHT?
CASCA FEELS DISGUSTED.
ROHHHHHH
A SENSE OF UNITY WITH HER COMRADES...
...AND SATISFACTION AND EXALTATION AT COMPLETING HER DUTY.

...MEAN THAT YOU'RE CHOSEN BY GOD?
DOES BEING BORN OF THE NOBILITY...
NOT THE SAME ONE.
A SWORD AGAIN.
IT FEELS LIKE A BLOW TO THE HEAD.
IT'S SIMILAR TO HOW I FELT ABOUT GUTS.
...TAKE UP THAT SWORD.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO PROTECT...
SOMETHING CHANGED INSIDE CASCA AT THIS POINT.

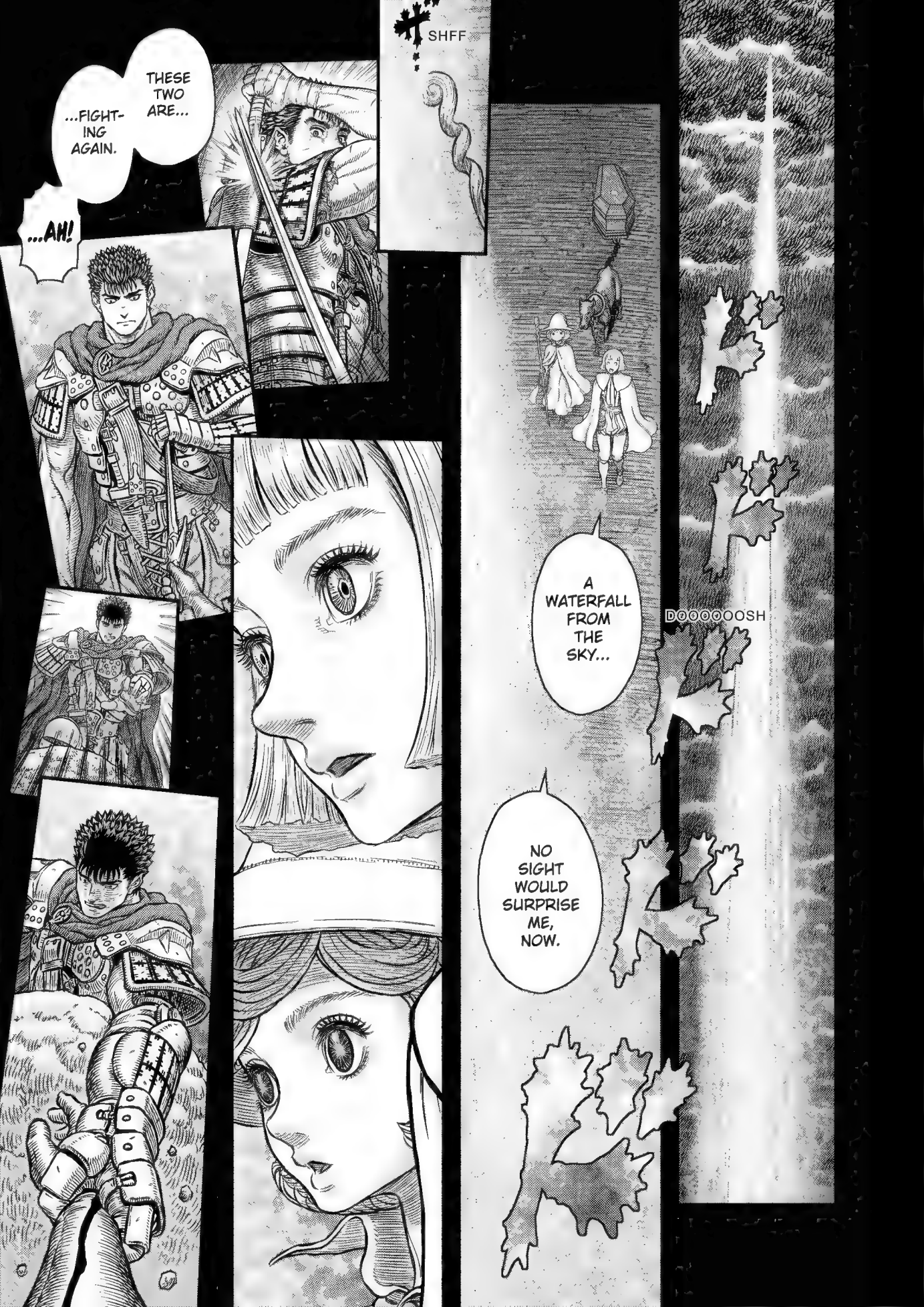

PLANTS, MAYBE?
WHAT COULD THOSE BE?
SKITTER
SKITTER
...IF I HAD TO SAY.
SOME KIND OF BUG...
CHEE
THEY'RE ATTACK-ING.
CHK
CHK
SURE ENOUGH ...!
CHK
SCATTER
MOGGGH
BOK
BOK
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

THAT'S A DREAM FOR YOU.
...HANGING FROM THE SKY...
...A CHANDE-LIER...
CHING
...THERE
A BAN-QUET?
SO MANY PEO-PLE.
CLAP
WHITE PHOENIX GENERAL GRIFFITH!
THE WHITE PHOENIX KNIGHTS!
A MOMENT OF GLORY WITH HER COMRADES.
BEWILDERMENT... SWELLING JOY.
TRACES OF ANXIETY AND LONELI-NESS?
BUT WHAT'S THIS ACHING RELUCTANCE?
HE JUST... COL-LAPSED...
I FELT A JOLT.
CRASH
EH ...?!

A CAVE ...?
FRUSTRATION AIMED AT GUTS.... AND JEALOUSY?
!
THIS FEELING IS...
WHY...?

...A BROKEN SWORD.
SNOW?
THOSE TWO FIGHT ?!
!
...!
ズキ...
TWINGE
キィィィ
CHINNNG
TAKE CARE.
GRIF-FITH...
GU--
AND THIS FEELING WELLING UP...
...AS SHE STARES AT HIS BACK...
I KNEW IT.
GUTS ....!
HELPLESSLY UNABLE TO COME BETWEEN THEM...
SORROW ENOUGH TO REND HER HEART IN TWO.

WHRRRLLLL
HAIR BALLS...
ROLL
ROLL
SWSSS
SWSSS
C...
...CREEPY.
THEY MUST BE SOMETHING CASCA REJECTS VISCERALLY.
ROWF
AP-PEAR...
PLONK
...SWIFT-LY...
...LADY OF THE DEPTHS!
CHOOSH
SHAAAAA


SHFF
THESE TWO ARE...
...FIGHTING AGAIN.
...AH!
A WATERFALL FROM THE SKY...
DOOOOOOSH
NO SIGHT WOULD SURPRISE ME, NOW.

MISTRESS, YOU MUSTN'T LOOK!

HUH?

BUT...

...FOR SCHOLARLY REFERENCE...!

...THIS IS HOW IT IS.

SURE ENOUGH...

I'VE KNOWN THIS FROM THE START...

NO...

.....

HERS ALONE...

...YES.

THESE THINGS FILLING MY HEART...

...ARE *CASCA*'S FEELINGS...

OVER-FLOWING FEELINGS.

AFFECTION... SORROW.

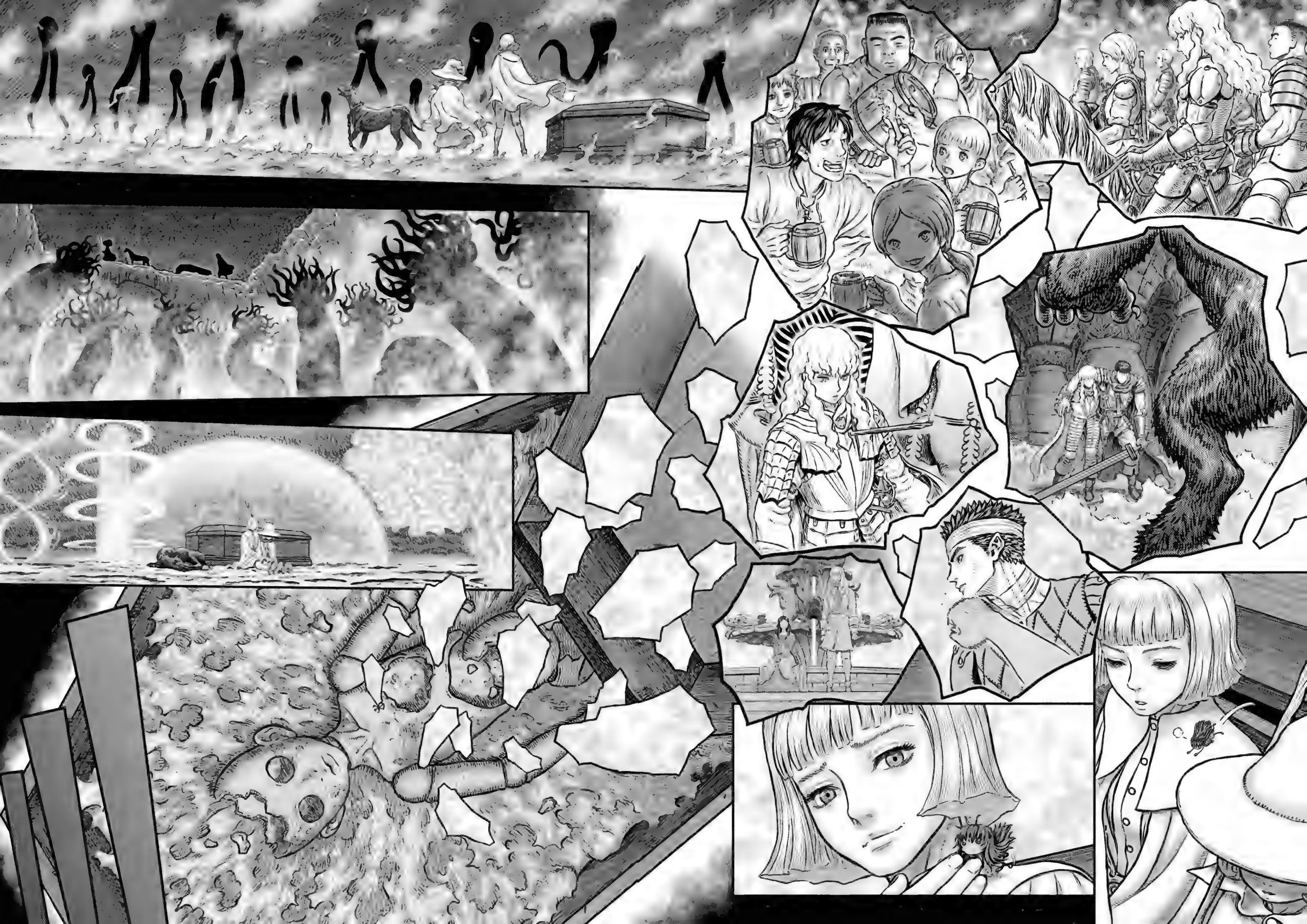
WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

LET US MOVE ON.

...OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES.

...THROUGH THE BOUNDLESS GLOOM...

BENEATH AN UNSINKING BLACK SUN...



THE END OF OUR JOURNEY MUST BE NEAR.

BUT THE DOLL IS ONLY MISSING A FEW FRAGMENTS.

THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS SORT OF SURREAL IN DREAMS.

I CAN'T TELL.

IT ALSO FEELS LIKE NOT A DAY HAS PASSED...

A MONTH... MAYBE EVEN A YEAR...

HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED NOW, ANYWAY?

...WE APPEAR TO BE HEADED TOWARD THAT "PINCUSHION."

AND...

IT'S PROBABLY SAFE TO CALL THAT OUR TERMINUS.

AS WE APPROACH, I SUSPECT WE WILL FACE ENEMIES FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN THE DEMONS THUS FAR.

IT PROBABLY SYMBOLIZES THE THING THAT SHATTERED CASCA'S MIND.

IT'S COVERED IN A TREMENDOUSLY DENSE MIASMA.

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP...
...AS WE PERSIST.
YES.
...ARE YOU FRIGHT-ENED?
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'M SURE IT WILL WORK OUT.
!
MISTRESS, SHE'S SAYING SOME-THING!
...HUH?
SEE.
MAYBE IT'S A RESULT OF GATHERING THE FRAG-MENTS.
...SO, WHAT'S SHE SAY-ING?
THERE'S SOME-ONE...
...I WANT TO SEE.

...SOMEONE SHE WANTS TO SEE.
DOES THAT MEAN ...?
PROB-ABLY...
I WANT TO SEE...
RUB
RUB
...WE'LL MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
I'M SURE...
ARF
BECAUSE IT'S WHAT HE WISHED FOR.

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To cure the afflicted Casca, Guts and company battle Elf Island's magical defenses and finally reach Elfheim, where the elven ruler opens the Corridor of Dreams, projecting Schierke and Farnese into the forbidding wasteland of Casca's mind. But horrors lurk there, some more foul than any in the material world!

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